

Whitewater Region's WWII Casualties

Sergeant Johnson Irwin Stewart 'Jack' PATTERSON

Sgt. Air Gnr Johnson Irwin Stewart 'Jack' Patterson, son of **James Irwin Patterson** and **Sara Mildred Forrest**, was born on 5 Dec 1924 in Admaston Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. His family lived in Forester's Falls from abt 1936. Jack's father was born in Admaston Twp., and his mother was born in Bromley Twp. Jack had 6 siblings; one sister Lillian Love, and five brothers: Roy, Graeme, Harold, Gordon & Bill. Jack was the 3rd oldest.¹

Jack Patterson enlisted on Feb 3, 1943 at Montreal. His description from his Attestation Papers states he was 5' 11" tall, weighing 164 lbs. He had a medium

complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair. Jack reported that he was moderately engaged in hockey, softball, swimming, and boxing. His religion was United Church and he reached the 12th grade in school. Jack listed his occupation as aircraft inspector at Canadian Vickers Aircraft Ltd. He stated he lived in Leeds from 1925-1936; Forester's Falls 1936-1942; and Montreal July 1942-Feb 3, 1943.³



Image 1: Sgt. Johnson Irwin Stewart Patterson²



Image 2: Jack Patterson³

to say that word had been received from the International Red Cross quoting German information that Sgt. Johnson Irwin Stewart Patterson had lost his life on July 8th. No further information was available.³

A letter on Jan 25, 1945 reported to the family that the International Red Cross, quoting official German information, stated that their son Sgt. Patterson was buried on July 10, 1944 in the French Parish Cemetery, Grave #111 Boran, Department of Oise, approximately 18 miles north of Paris. On May 17, 1945, a translated copy of a report from a local resident stated that the 4-engine Canadian aircraft crashed in flames but there was no trace of the crew. The next day he found the body of Airman Patterson about 80 meters from the aircraft. The Germans removed his body to Boran for burial. He learned that another airman had been found

Sgt. Jack Patterson, # R.216287, served with the RCAF. He was awarded the Air Gunners Badge on Oct 15, 1943 and served in Toronto, Yarmouth, Mont Joli and Halifax before going overseas. He embarked at Halifax for Liverpool, UK on Nov 24, 1943.³

Sgt. Patterson was declared missing following bombing operations on the night of 7/8th July 1944. He was Air Gunner of an aircraft Lancaster III ME745, 619 SQDN, assigned to attack Creil, France, which is north of Paris.⁴ Initially, the family were told he was missing in action. A telegram was issued on Oct 29th

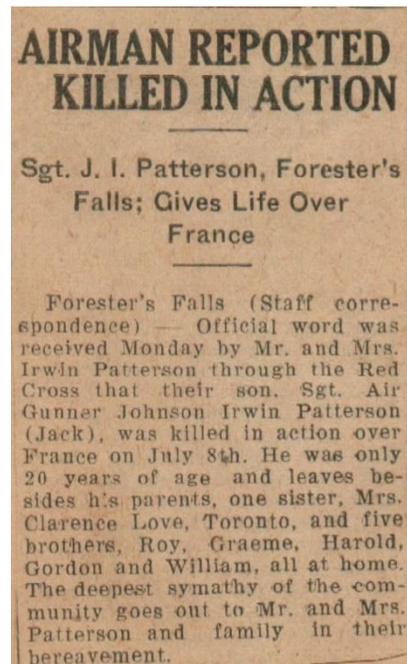


Image 3: Death Notice⁵

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as well. This crew member was Flt. Sgt. Bernard McDonagh. Five of the crew, not Canadians, were missing and believed killed.³



Image 4: Sgt. Patterson⁶



Image 5: WWII Honor Roll, Trinity United Church⁷



Image 6: Pembroke War Memorial⁸

Sgt. Patterson was 19 years old at the time of his death. In addition to the cemetery stone at the Communal Cemetery, Boran-sur-Oise, Departement de l'Oise, Picardie, France^{3, 9,10,11}, Sergeant Johnston Irwin Stewart Patterson is also commemorated on the Bomber Command Memorial Wall in Nanton, AB.¹² His name is engraved on his parents' gravestone in Cobden Union Cemetery¹³ and also is commemorated the WWII Honor Roll of Trinity United Church, Forester's Falls⁷ and the Air Force War Memorial, Pembroke, ON⁸.



Image 7: Bomber Command Memorial Wall in Nanton, AB¹²



Image 8: Patterson family gravestone¹³

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