



Flight Lieutenant Victor Henry Harris

1918 - 1943

SECOND WORLD WAR

Air Force: RCAF, #15 (RAF) Squadron,
Flight Lieutenant-Pilot

Victor was born in Lambton County in 1918, the youngest child of England-born parents John and Hannah Harris. John and Hannah had four children together. Sadly, when Victor was 15 years old, he lost his mother. Victor was working in the mining industry and going to school to be an engineer when, in May 1941 at age 22 and single, he enlisted in the RCAF in North Bay. He stated his reasons for joining the air force were, "To receive the training offered and to do my part in the war effort." He was awarded his Pilot's Flying Badge in January 1942 and arrived in England the next month.

He served with several units overseas until, in December 1942, Victor became a member of RAF #15 Squadron, part of Bomber Command, with the rank of Flight Lieutenant-Pilot. Victor was an experienced pilot, a veteran of many flights over Germany and other enemy occupied territories, the "skipper" of his ship, a Short Stirling four-engine bomber stationed out of Lincolnshire, England.

On February 26, 1943, they were detailed to attack a target in Nuremberg, Germany. After take-off, no news of the crew or their Stirling aircraft surfaced and it failed to return from operations. All eight crew members were lost. Victor Harris, 24, has no known grave. His name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial, Surrey, United Kingdom.



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