

WILLIAM S. PIERS

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William Stapleton (Billy) Piers served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RAF). He was born, May 8th, 1921 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and he died February 26th, 1942, at the age of 21. His rank was Flight Sergeant and Air Gunner; his service number was R/56087. At his death, he was reported killed in action. His memorial was placed in Runnymede Memorial, located in England. The number of his memorial is 1526119.



WILLIAM STAPLETON PIERS
SGT. AIR GUNNER
KILLED IN ACTION, FEB. 26 1942

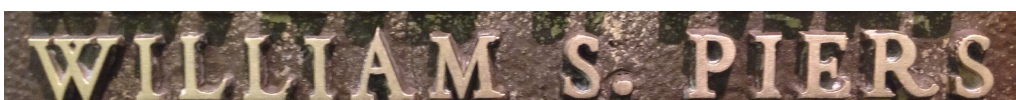


PIERS, Flt. Sgt. WILLIAM STAPLETON, R/56087. R.C.A.F. 405 Sqdn. 26th February, 1942. Age 21. Son of Arthur Stapleton Piers and of Marguerite Helen Piers (*née* Lodge), of Westmount, Province of Quebec, Canada. Panel 106.

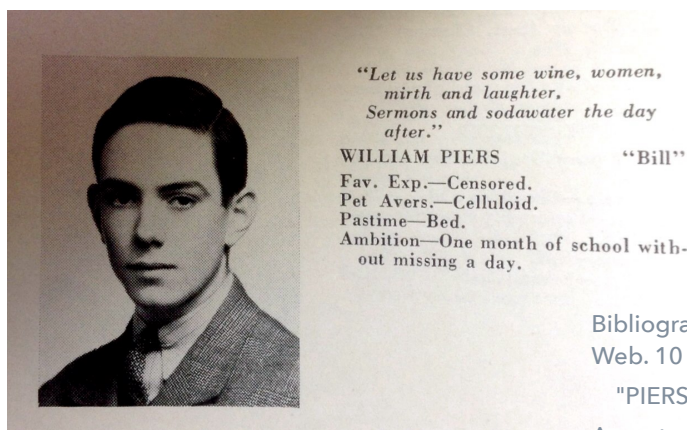
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During the Second World War the RAF was mostly concerned with arial attacks on German warships and naval facilities in the Atlantic and in Northern Germany. This was also a part of the Battle of the Atlantic which was the longest battle in WWII. Although it is not certain that Piers fought in these battles it is safe to say that he could have died in one of these battles.

Before his death he attended Westmount High school in Montréal Québec, Canada and graduated in 1938. His family was comprised of an older brother named Arthur William Jarvis Piers who also served in the airforce. His mother was Marguerite Helen Piers and his father Arthur



From Westmount High School Hall



From 1938 year book

We can see in the year book that he was humorous. He was a brave man that enlisted

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