

## **Lt John James O'Reilly**

**9-A-13**



John was born on February 26, 1919 in Montreal as the son of James Patrick and Mary O'Reilly nee Gallery of Montreal. They were married on June 20 1916 in Montreal. He was the brother of Flight Sergeant James Patrick Gallery O'Reilly who was killed in action too on Tuesday June 22, 1943 age 22 due to a crash near Stavenisse (Het Keeten) in Zeeland while serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force. And he was buried then at the Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery grave F-1. His sisters were Margaret O'Reilly McTaggerat,

Mary Eileen Elizabeth and Mary Sheila Ann O'Reilly.

He was a supervisor (mechanical assembly) and member of the Roman Catholic Church. He spoke English and French. His hobbies were radio, scouting (scout master), skiing, track and field, all sports and stamps.

He enlisted on May 26 1943 in Montreal South and he went thereafter on July 19 1944 overseas to the UK. And he went afterwards on March 31 1945 to NW Europe.

John was killed in action on Monday April 23 1945 age 26 during the battle of Friesoythe in NW Germany and he was temporarily buried there then and he was reburied afterwards on March 9 1946 in Holten.

At his headstone: BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD. ST. JOHN, APOCALYPSE XIV.13

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star; Defence Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

He served with the Lincoln & Welland Regiment.

