

# KEITH PATERSON MERCER

## World War II

### Basic Information

**Name:** Keith Paterson Mercer

**Rank:** Sergeant (Pilot)

**Service No.:** R.6143A

**Unit:** Royal Canadian Air Force

**School:** Westmount High School

**Year of graduation:** 1936

**Date of Birth:** April 28, 1919

**Place of Birth:** Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

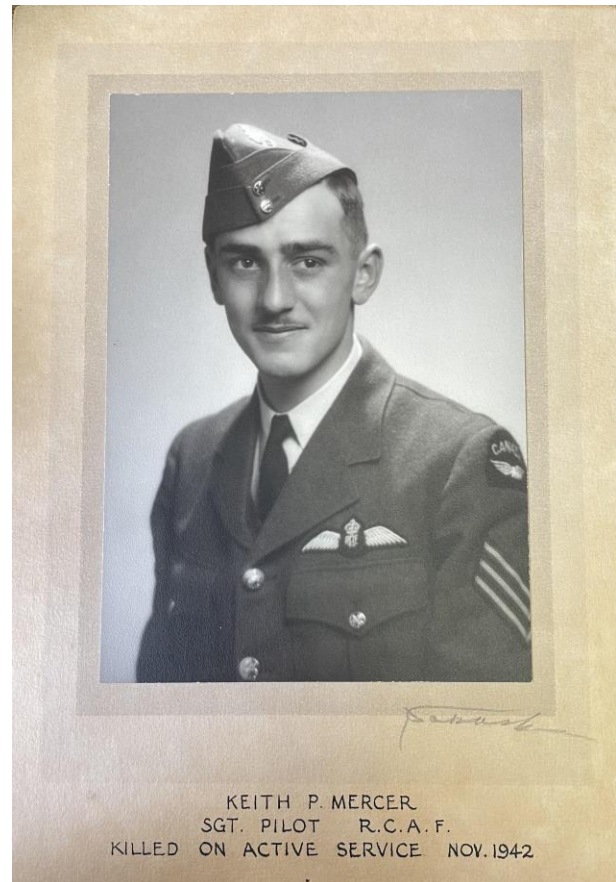
**Date of Death:** November 13, 1942

**Age:** 23

**Regiment:** Royal Canadian Air Force 97 (R. A. F.) Sqdn.

**Grave Reference:** Grave 14 (New part)

**Information:** Son of Keith and Grace Isobel Mercer, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



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| R.6143A Flt/Sgt              |               | 14 ✓ |
| K.P. Mercer                  |               | 5 ✓  |
| Pilot                        |               | 21   |
| Royal Canadian Air Force     |               | 21   |
| 13th November 1942 Age 23    |               | 10   |
| (Cross)                      |               | 15   |
| Beloved son                  |               | 22   |
| Of K. and G.I.P. Mercer      |               | 22   |
| Of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. |               | 22   |
| Died at Brattleby, England   |               | 22   |
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## Role and duties of Sergeant

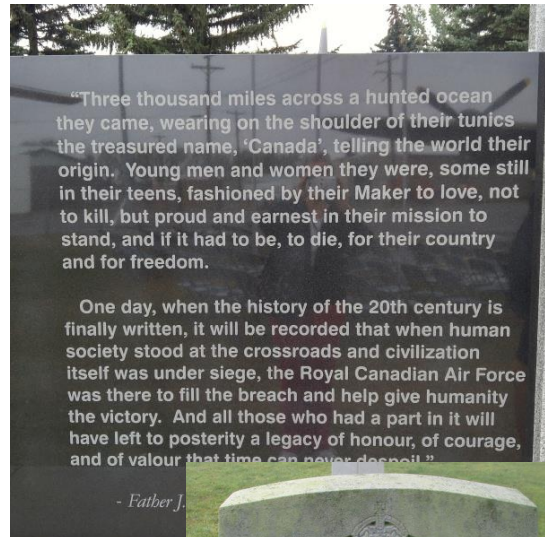
Sergeant was a rank in the Canadian Army throughout the 20th Century.

A sergeant was a senior Non-Commissioned Officer

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*“Three thousand miles across a hunted ocean they came, wearing on the shoulder of their tunics the treasured name, Canada, telling the world their origin. Young men and women there were, some still in their teens, fashioned by their Maker to love, not to kill, but proud and earnest in their mission to stand, and if it had to be, to die, for their country and for freedom.*

*One day, when the history of the 20th century is finally written, it will be recorded that when human society stood at a crossroads and civilization itself was under siege, the Royal Canadian Air Force was there to fill the breach and help give humanity the victory. And all those who had a part in it will have left to posterity a legacy of honor, of courage, and of valor that time can never despoil.” -----Father J.P Lardie (Chaplain 419,428 Squadron RCAF)*



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## Grave of K.P.Mercer

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**MERCER, KEITH PATERSON FS(P) R6143A. From Montreal, Quebec.**

**Killed Nov 13/42 age 23. #97 Squadron (Achieve Your Aim). The Lancaster aircraft was landing when it stalled, during a right-hand turn, and crashed at Brattleby, Lincoln, England. FS A.E. Five of the crew, not Canadians, were also killed. Flight Sergeant Pilot Mercer is buried in the St. John The Baptist Churchyard, Scampton, Lincolnshire, England.**



## **Resources:**

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<https://www.canadiansoldiers.com/ranks/sergeant.htm>.

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