



Corporal Robert Noble Watt JR.

Son of Robert Noble Watt and Marguerita Veitch Watt

Date of birth: 1923-06-12

Date of death: 1945-04-09

Buried: Holten Canadian War Cemetery III. C. 1. Netherlands

Robert Noble Watt JR. was a well-known Montreal athlete who lived on 626-Sydenham Avenue, Westmount. He went to Westmount High School where he showed an interest in sports, particularly tennis. When he graduated from Westmount High School in 1940, he immediately went to McGill. After three years at McGill, he volunteered to join the army. He was quickly promoted to sergeant, but reverted to the rank of private in order to serve overseas. He was promoted to the rank of corporal when he left Canada and was posted in France with his unit. During his time in the service, he was part of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and R.C.I.C.



Robert Noble Watt JR.'s Yearbook message



"When a lady is in the case,
You know all other things give
place."

ROBERT NOBLE WATT "Bob"
 Fav. Exp.—"I don't know fellows—
 It's just my idea—but—"
 Pet Avers.—Pulchritudinous babes
 who don't play tennis.
 Pastime—We'd love to know!
 Ambition—Davis Cup Team.
 Activities—Junior Tennis Champ.
 '37, '38; Junior Hockey '38; Inter-
 Class Baseball Champs '38; Sr.
 Tennis Champ '39; Secretary Hi-Y
 Club '39, '40; Sports Editor Senti-
 nel '39, '40; Secretary School
 Tennis Committee '39, '40; Senior
 "B" Hockey '40; Vice-Pres. Hobby
 Show '40.



While at McGill he was actively identified with the Delta Upsilon fraternity. In athletics he was particularly well known for his prowess at tennis. Among his many successes he was boys' champion of the province of Quebec, junior champion of the province twice, intermediate championship once and runner up in the Canadian junior championship. In 1941 he was selected by the P.Q.T.A. as the top junior player in Quebec.

Rated as the youngest member of Canada's No. 1 tennis family, the then 17-year-old Watt piled up a decisive 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, score to defeat Bob Finlay and retain the Quebec junior men's singles title September 1, 1940.

In addition to this victory, he flattened all opposition in the 1940 Eastern Canadian tournament at Charlottetown, and reached the Dominion final at Quebec before being eliminated by Walter Driver, high ranking Texas junior.

He added the Quebec intermediate men's single crown to his collection July 22, 1940, when he ousted Jean Desjardins, 8-6, 6-1, 6-4.

He leaves his father and mother, Flt.-Lt. Laird Watt, a brother, and M. A. Vittie of Granby, P. Q., grandfather.

ROBERT N. WATT, JR. IS KILLED IN ACTION

Well-known Montreal Athlete Dies After Returning to Unit in March

Robert (Bob) N. Watt, jr., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Watt, of 626 Sydenham avenue, Westmount, has been killed in action, according to an official telegram



ROBERT "BOB" WATT

received by his parents yesterday. One of the best known among the younger athletes in Montreal, "Bob" Watt, who was born here June 12, 1923, was educated at Westmount High School where he soon showed aptitude at athletics and particularly at tennis. On leaving Westmount High he went to McGill and was in his third year of Commerce when he volunteered for service and, in February, 1943, was selected by the University to take the instructors' course at Brockville, Ont., from which he graduated.

Shortly afterwards he was promoted to sergeant but in April, 1944, he reverted to the rank of private in order to serve overseas. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in June, 1944, when he left Canada and was posted to his unit in France last August.

Within a few weeks of going into action he was hospitalized for three weeks with wounds and after discharge was assigned to prisoner of war duty until last January when he spent another five weeks in hospital. Early in March he returned to his unit with which he served until he was killed in action.