

Flight Sergeant John Burton Gayfer 1920-1942

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SERGT. AIR GUNNER JOHN B. GAYFER KILLED IN FLYING ACCIDENT--Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gayfer, 310 Oxford Street, Ingersoll, received the sad news on Wednesday morning, January 7th, that their only son, Sergeant Air Gunner, John B. 'Bud' Gayfer was killed in a flying accident on Monday, January 5th. The cablegram announcing the fatality was sent by the Canadian Casualties Officer from London, England, and was dated 6 p.m., January 7th. Sergt. Gayfer was one of the first Ingersoll young men to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He signed up on September 3rd, 1939, and went overseas on June 19, 1940, after his final training at the Uplands Air Training Centre near Ottawa. He was the first Ingersoll boy in the RCAF to reach England and in his recent letters home he told of many trips made over enemy territory. He was born in Ingersoll and had spent his entire life here. He was a graduate of the Ingersoll Public Schools and the Collegiate Institute and was a member of St. James Anglican Church.

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