

WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

WESTMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL

# Family & life, prior to WWII

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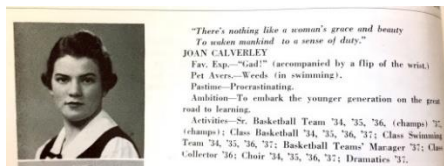
Born the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, 1918 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was the youngest of 4 siblings.

His father, John Calverley, was born in England (1889), and his mother, Florence. E. Calverley, in Ontario (1892), even though her nationality is Scottish. Ada, his oldest sister, was born in Ireland in 1904; Beatrice, in 1909 in Manitoba, and Joan in 1917, in Québec.

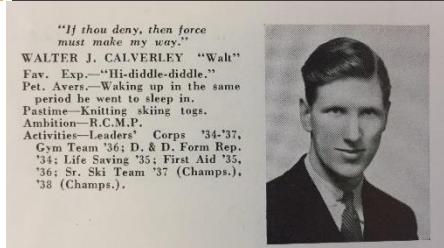
All of them were living in Winnipeg, Manitoba, as indicated in the 1921 census, and then moved to Montréal, Québec, where both Walter and Joan graduated from WHS.

Bellow, a picture of Winnipeg's census in which Walter and his family were registered.

Above, the location of their house in Winnipeg.



Walter graduated from Westmount in 1938, and his sister graduated in 1937.



## A true sportsman

During his education at Westmount High School, he joined the sports teams of Gym, Senior Skiing, Life Saving and First Aid.

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## Other ambitions

In his spare time he knitted skiing togs, and his goal was to become part of the R.C.M.P.

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## His role in the war

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Walter John Calverley was a flying officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. A flying officer, which in present day is referred to as a lieutenant, has the responsibility of giving the soldiers strategic directions of how to continue in battle.

He performed his duties in the squadron 644, which later joined the 38th to perform tasks together.

### HIS DEATH

During one of his duties over France, he was unable to be found by the Canadian army and was later discovered deceased on August 31, 1944, at the age of 26.

There are no records of him having a grave, but he is commemorated at the Runnymede Memorial in the village of Surrey, in the United Kingdom, with other soldiers from the Second World War.



## His family after the war

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The only records we have of his family is that his oldest sister, Ada, worked as a servant while living in Winnipeg, but we don't know anything else about the rest of the family members.

However, his mother was buried on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 1964, at the Mount Royal Cemetery located in Montreal, Quebec.

In present day, Walter J. Calverley is also commemorated with other students that went to the war in a memorial plaque in the lobby of Westmount High School.



**WALTER JOHN CALVERLEY,**  
A CANADIAN HERO

WALTER J. CALVERLEY

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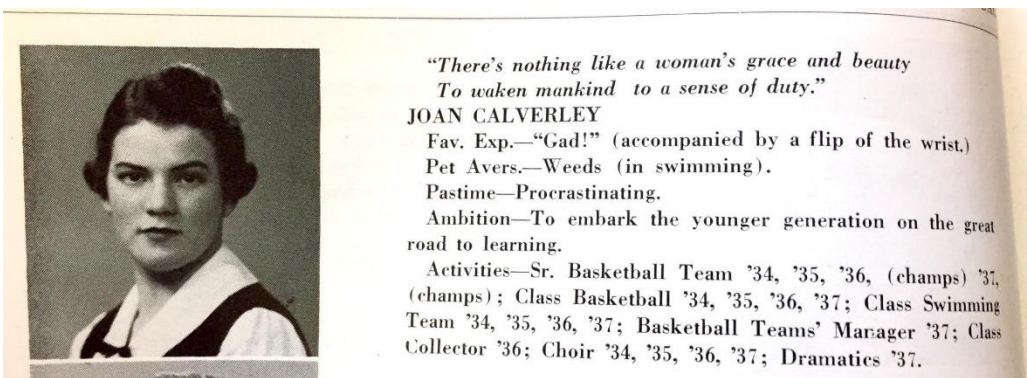
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PICTURE 1: Canadian census 1921

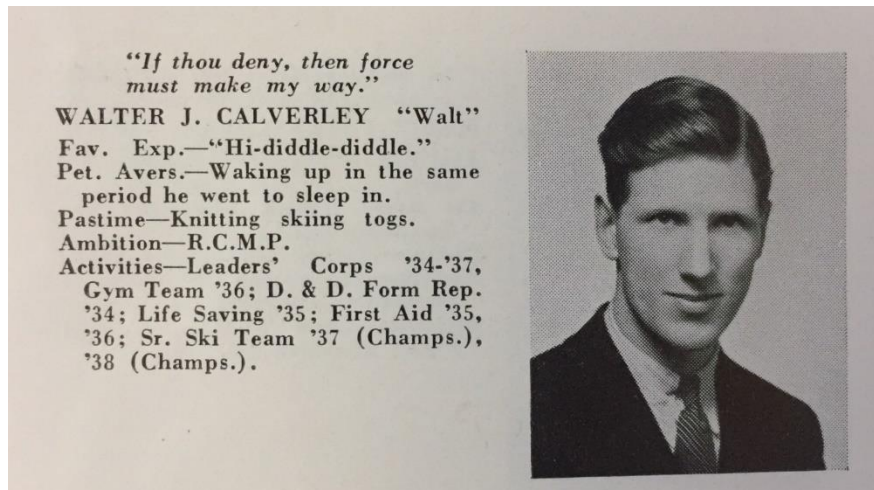
PICTURE 2: Location of their house in Winnipeg, Manitoba (1921)



PICTURE 3: Joan's yearbook picture



PICTURE 4: Walter's yearbook picture



PICTURE 5: Walter in the school's ski team

