



**Lieutenant-Colonel William Avery Bishop, VC, CB, DSO, MC and Bar, DFC, CD**  
**Officer Commanding**  
**August to December 1918**

Born:	08 February 1894	Owen Sound, Ontario	 
Married:	17 October 1917	Margaret Eaton Burden	
Children:	Son William <u>Arthur</u>	Arthur was presented his wings by Billy – Spitfire pilot RCAF 401	
	Daughter	Jackie – a teacher	
Died:	11 September 1956	Palm Beach, Florida - Buried in Owen Sound, Ontario	

**Honours**

LG 30/11/1918+	VC	Victoria Cross	Major	RAF
CG 10/06/1944	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath	Air Marshal	RCAF
LG 18/07/1917+	DSO	Distinguished Service Order	Captain	RFC
LG 26/09/1917+	DSO & Bar	Bar to the Distinguished Service Order	Captain	RFC
LG 26/05/1917+	MC	Military Cross	Lieutenant	RFC
LG 02/07/1918+	DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross	Major	RAF
1940	ED	Canadian Efficiency Decoration	Air Marshal	RCAF
LG 11/12/1917+	MID	Mentioned-in-Despatches	Captain	RFC
1974	COP	Member Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame	Air Marshal	RCAF
LG 02/11/1918+	Chevalier	Legion of Honour	Major	RAF
LG 02/11/1918+	Croix	Croix de Guerre with 2 Bronze Palms	Major	RAF

**Aircraft Shot Down**

72

Destroyed

**Military**

09/1911	Officer Cadet	Royal Military College
30/09/1914	Lieutenant	Mississauga Horse Calvary Regiment, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division
1914	Lieutenant	8 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles, 14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
01/06/1914	Lieutenant	8 <sup>th</sup> CMR leaves for England on the <i>Caledonia</i>
01/1915	Lieutenant	8 <sup>th</sup> CMR goes to France
1915	Lieutenant	Transfers to the Royal Flying Corps in France
01/09/1916	Lieutenant	21 (Training) Squadron RFC - trains as Observer on Avro 504
01/1916	Lieutenant	21 Squadron goes to France with R.E.7 Reconnaissance Aircraft
04/1916	Lieutenant	Injures his knee on takeoff after several bombing flights
05/1916	Lieutenant	To England to recover and then back to Canada when father dies
09/1916	Lieutenant	Trains as pilot at Central Flying School at Upavon – Shorthorn ac
11/1916	Lieutenant	Receives his wings – then to No. 37 Squadron RFC BE.2c aircraft
17/03/1917	Lieutenant	60 Squadron in France on Nieuport 17 Fighter aircraft
25/03/1917	Lieutenant	Shoots down his first aircraft
30/03/1917	Lieutenant	Flight Commander in 60 Squadron
08/04/1917	Lieutenant	Scores his 5 <sup>th</sup> victory becoming an Air Ace
30/04/1917	Captain	Royal Flying Corps
02/06/1917	Captain	Wins Victoria Cross by attacking a German-held aerodrome
07/1917	Captain	60 Squadron gets SE5 aircraft
08/1917	Captain	Top Allied Ace passing the late Albert Ball in victories
09/1917	Captain	Returns home - married in October to Timothy Eaton's granddaughter
10/1917	Captain	British War Mission in Washington, DC
04/1918	Major	Commanding Officer No. 85 Squadron (Flying Foxes) SE5a Scouts
22/05/1918	Major	No. 85 Squadron to France
05/08/1918	Lieutenant-Colonel	Officer Commanding designate, Cdn Air Force General Staff HQ
31/12/1918	Lieutenant-Colonel	Discharged from the Canadian Expeditionary Force



**Air Marshal William ('Billy') Avery BISHOP, VC, CB, DSO and Bar, MC and Bar, DFC, CD  
Director of RCAF Recruiting (C235)**

**Civilian**

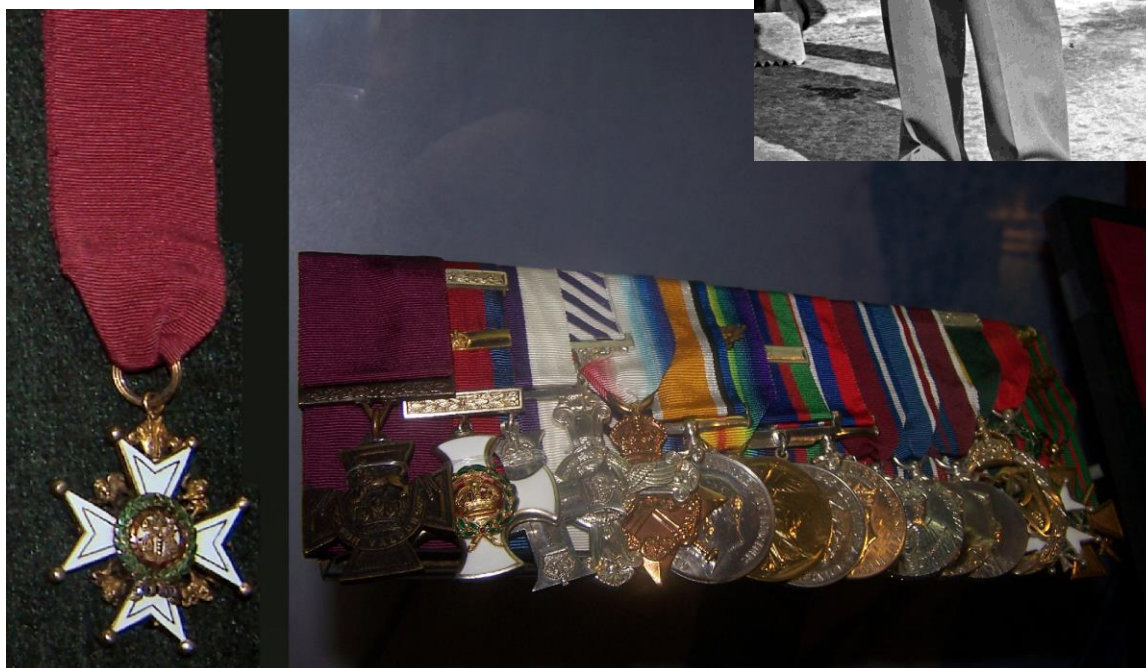
1920	Partnership	William Barker, VC on a passenger air service – dissolved 1921
1929	Chairman	British Air Lines
1930	Vice-President	McColl-Frontenac Oil Company

**WWII**

01/1935	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
1939	Air Marshal	RCAF – Director of Recruitment
1944	Air Marshal	Retires from the RCAF

**Medals**

Victoria Cross  
 Companion, Order of the Bath  
 Distinguished Service Order with Bar  
 Military Cross  
 Distinguished Flying Cross  
 914–1915 Star  
 British War Medal  
 Victory Medal with MID  
 CVSM and Clasp  
 1939/1945 War Medal  
 King George V Silver Jubilee Medal  
 King George VI Coronation Medal  
 EIIR Coronation Medal  
 Efficiency Decoration  
 Chevalier, Legion of Honour (France)  
 Croix de Guerre with two Bronze Palms



**Air Marshal William ('Billy') Avery BISHOP, VC, CB, DSO, MC and Bar, DFC, CD**  
**Director of RCAF Recruiting (C235)**

**Victoria Cross:** "For most conspicuous bravery, determination, and skill. Captain Bishop, who had been sent out to work independently, flew first of all to an enemy aerodrome; finding no machines about, he flew on to another aerodrome about three miles southeast, which was at least 12 miles the other side of the line. Seven machines, some with their engines running, were on the ground. He attacked these from about fifty feet, and a mechanic, who was starting one of the engines, was seen to fall. One of the machines got off the ground, but at a height of 60 feet, Captain Bishop fired 15 rounds into it at very close range, and it crashed to the ground. A second machine got off the ground, into which he fired 30 rounds at 150 yards range, and it fell into a tree. Two more machines then rose from the aerodrome. One of these he engaged at a height of 1,000 feet, emptying the rest of his drum of ammunition. This machine crashed 300 yards from the aerodrome, after which Captain Bishop emptied a whole drum into the fourth hostile machine, and then flew back to his station. Four hostile scouts were about 1,250 feet above him for about a mile of his return journey, but they would not attack. His machine was very badly shot about by machine gun fire from the ground."



**Military Cross:** "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked a hostile balloon on the ground, dispersed its crew and destroyed the balloon, and also drove down a hostile machine which attacked them. He has on several other occasions brought down hostile machines."



**Distinguished Service Order:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in a single-seater he attacked three hostile machines, two of which he brought down, although in the meantime he was himself attacked by four other hostile machines. His courage and determination have set a fine example to others."

**Bar to the Distinguished Service Order:** "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when engaging hostile aircraft. His consistent dash and great fearlessness have set a magnificent example to the pilots of his squadron. He has destroyed no less than 45 hostile machines within the past 5 months, frequently attacking enemy formations single-handed, and on all occasions displaying a fighting spirit and determination to get to close quarter with his opponents which have earned the admiration of all in contact with him."

**Distinguished Flying Cross:** "A most successful and fearless fighter in the air, whose acts of outstanding bravery have already been recognised by the awards of the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, Bar to the Distinguished Service Order, and Military Cross. For the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross now conferred upon him he has rendered signally valuable services in personally destroying twenty-five enemy machines in twelve days—five of which he destroyed on the last day of his service at the front. The total number of machines destroyed by this distinguished officer is seventy-two, and his value as a moral factor to the Royal Air Force cannot be over-estimated."





**Air Commodore Arthur Kellam Tylee, OBE**  
**Officer Commanding**  
**17 May 1920 to 21 March 1921**

Born:	24 April 1887	Lennoxville, Quebec
Immigrated	1898	To Boston with his Family
Died:	13 April 1961	Quebec

**Honours**

01/01/1919+	OBE	Officer of the Order of the British Empire
05/1918	MID	Mentioned-in-Despatches

**Pre War**

1907	MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduated
1908	Agent	American heavy machinery agent
1913	Agent	Opened Montreal office

**Military**

1915	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Canadian Militia – attended Curtiss Flying School, Toronto
02/12/1915	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Joined Royal Flying Corps (RFC)
1916	Lieutenant	Promoted RFC
1916	Temp. Lieutenant	No. 23 Squadron Western Front flying Martinsyde G.100
11/1916	Temp. Lieutenant	Flying Instructor in England
02/1917	Temp. Lieutenant	Flying Instructor RFC Canada at Camp Borden
02/1917	Temp. Captain	Flight Commander, RFC
03/1917	Temp. Major	Squadron Commander, RFC
09/1917	Temp. Major	Commanding Officer Camp Borden Wing
01/07/1917	Lieutenant	Substantive Lieutenant – Still Temporary Major LG 14/09/1917+
01/09/1917	Captain	Substantive Captain – Still Temporary Major LG 13/10/1917+
1918	Major	Returns to the RFC in the U.K. for advanced work
01/04/1918	Temp. LCol	Lieutenant-Colonel, RAF – Commanding Officer No. 42 Wing Deseronto
01/06/1918	Temp. LCol	End Command of No. 42 Wing Deseronto
15/04/1918	Acting LCol	Inspector of RAF Training Camps in Canada to the end of the War
1919	Lieutenant-Colonel	Acting Commander of RAF in Canada in early 1919
06/1919	Lieutenant-Colonel	Demobilized
<b>17/05/1920</b>	<b>Air Commodore</b>	<b>First Air Officer Commanding Canadian Air Force</b>
11/10/1920	Air Commodore	Starts last leg of the first trans-Canadian Flight in a DH-9A from Selkirk
17/10/1920	Air Commodore	Reach Richmond, B.C. \ Manitoba
21/03/1921	Air Commodore	Retires from Canadian Air Force



**TYLEE, Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Kellum - Officer, Order of the British Empire - awarded as per London Gazette dated 1 January 1919.**

"In recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war."



**Wing Commander Ronald Francis Redpath**  
**Officer Commanding**  
**21 March to July 1921**

Born: 07 July 1888 Montreal, Quebec  
Died: 11 January 1970

**Honours**

21/04/1917+ Croix Croix de Guerre (France)

**Military**

22/11/1915	Probationary Flt Sub-Lt	Royal Naval Air Service (Among 1 <sup>st</sup> Cdns in RNAS with Collishaw)
01/12/1915	Probationary Flt Sub-Lt	To England
20/12/1915	Probationary Flt Sub-Lt	At Chingford under training
01/05/1916	Probationary Flt Sub-Lt	At Eastchurch under training
01/05/1916	Probationary Flt Sub-Lt	To No.3 (Naval) Wing, Manstone RNAS
1916	Probationary Flt Sub-Lt	No.3 (Naval Wing) to Luxeuil and Ochy
07/03/1917	Flight Sub-Lt	No.11 (N) Squadron, RNAS
14/04/1917	Flight Sub-Lt	Invested with Croix de Guerre (France) by General Nollet
22/04/1917	Flight Sub-Lt	No.6 (N) Squadron, RNAS \ Commanding 36 <sup>th</sup> French Army Corps
15/08/1917	Flight Sub-Lt	No.11 (N) Squadron, RNAS
02/09/1917	Flight Sub-Lt	No.3 (N) Squadron, RNAS
25/09/1917	Flight Lieutenant	No.10 (N) Squadron, RNAS
03/12/1917	Flight Lieutenant	Headquarters, No.4 Wing, RNAS
27/12/1917	Flight Lieutenant	Cranwell - RNAS
01/04/1918	Captain	Royal Air Force as RNAS Merges with Royal Flying Corps
10/06/1918	Acting Major	Redcar
22/06/1918	Acting Major	Cranwell
01/11/1918	Acting Major	No.209 Squadron
09/03/1919	Acting Major	Cranwell
24/04/1919	Acting Major	to Unemployed list
17/05/1920	Wing Commander	Canadian Air Force
<b>21/03/1921</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Officer Commanding – Canadian Air Force</b>
07/1921	Wing Commander	Retires from Canadian Air Force

**Wing Commander (later Air Commodore) James Stanley Scott, MC, AFC, ED**  
**Officer Commanding**  
**1921 to 1922**  
**1924 to 1928**

Born: 18 February 1889 Roberval, Quebec  
Died: 19 July 1975 Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Honours**

27/07/1916+ MC Military Cross  
01/01/1919+ AFC Air Force Cross

**Military**

10/10/1914	Provisional Lt	18 <sup>th</sup> Regiment (Franc Tireurs du Saguenay) Canadian Field Artillery
31/12/1914	Provisional Lt	5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery (1 <sup>st</sup> Quebec Battery)
01/06/1915	Lieutenant	Completes Royal Schools of Artillery at Quebec and Kingston
03/06/1915	Lieutenant	26 <sup>th</sup> Battery, Canadian Field Artillery
10/08/1915	Lieutenant	26 <sup>th</sup> Battery, CFA to England
11/10/1915	Lieutenant	Seconded to Royal Flying Corps at Castle Bromwich
05/11/1915	Lieutenant	RFC School Birmingham for training; Royal Aero Club Certificate No.1988
21/03/1916	Lieutenant	Royal Flying Corps
21/04/1916	Lieutenant	Served in France with No. 5 Squadron
20/07/1916	Lieutenant	Serves in France with No. 6 Squadron
01/08/1916	Lieutenant	Returns to England
03/1916	Temp. Captain	Promoted; Royal Flying Corps
08/1916	Temp. Captain	Injured in flight over enemy territory in a crash after dark
19/01/1917	Temp. Captain	Graded as unfit to fly
18/07/1917	Temp. Captain	Graded as fit to fly
18/06/1917	Temp. Major	Returned to Canada; RFC Training Brigade
01/04/1918	Captain/T.Major	Royal Air Force (with the RFC and RNAS merging)
01/09/1918	Wing Commander	CO No. 44 Wing, Camp Borden
11/11/1918	Wing Commander	Continues as CO No. 44 Wing, Camp Borden until the Armistice
15/05/1919	Wing Commander	Relinquishes his Commission in the Royal Air Force and return to CFA
03/06/1919	Lieutenant-Colonel	Demobilized from the Canadian Field Artillery
04/11/1919	Superintendent	Certificates Branch, Canadian Air Board
04/1920	Controller	Civil Aviation under the Air Board
17/05/1920	Wing Commander	Canadian Air Force
<b>13/07/1921</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Officer Commanding the Canadian Air Force</b>
1921	Wing Commander	RAF Staff Course at Andover; qualifies for "p.s.a."
1922	Wing Commander	Relinquishes Command of CAF to Wing Commander J.L. Gordon
<b>19/05/1924</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Officer Commanding the Canadian Air Force (2<sup>nd</sup> Time)</b>
<b>01/04/1925</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Officer Commanding the Canadian Air Force</b>
14/02/1928	Group Captain	Retires
01/04/1931	Group Captain	Awarded the Honorary Rank of Air Commodore
1939	Group Captain	Returns to the RCAF – Commanding Officer No. 1 Wireless School
1941	Group Captain	Commanding Officer No.2 Manning Depot
1942	Group Captain	Commanding Officer No.13 Service Flying Training School
1943	Group Captain	Senior Air Officer No.1 Training Command
1944	Group Captain	Senior Air Officer No.2 Training Command
15/02/1945	Air Commodore	Retires from RCAF for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Time and Promoted to Air Commodore

**Canadian War Museum has his medals** as AN 19800963-001: Military Cross; Air Force Cross; British War Medal 1914-1919; Victory Medal 1914-1919; Canadian Volunteer Service Medal; War Medal 1939-1945; Jubilee Medal 1935; Efficiency Decoration.

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**Officer Commanding**  
**1921 to 1922**  
**1924 to 1928**

**SCOTT, Lieutenant James Stanley - Military Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 27 July 1916.  
**Citation for Military Cross**

“For conspicuous gallantry and skill. He descended to 1,000 feet to attack a train well behind the enemy's lines, and although his engine was much damaged, his tank pierced and his flying wires carried away by hostile fire he succeeded in landing his machine safely within our lines.”

**SCOTT, Captain James Stanley, MC - Air Force Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 1 January 1919. No citation other than "in recognition of distinguished service."

**Wing Commander (later Air Vice-Marshal) James Lindsay Gordon, DFC**  
**Director of the Canadian Air Force / Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1922 to 1924**  
**Senior Air Officer – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1932**

Born:	11 December 1892	Montreal
Married	January 1924	Maude Isobel Pearson
Died:	03 March 1940	

**Honours**

21/09/1918+	DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
19/12/1917+	MID	Mention in Despatches
27/03/1918a	Lifesaving Medal	Board of Trade Silver Lifesaving Medal "for carrying out in heavy waves, a dangerous rescue of two RNAS seaplane crew who had been afloat in the North Sea for five days."

**Education**

1914	Student	McGill University
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**Military**

01/08/1915	Mr	Attended Wright School, Dayton
08/12/1915	Mr	Received ACA Certificate No.366
18/01/1916	Prob. Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS in Ottawa – left for England
03/02/1916	Prob. Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS Chingford
20/05/1916	Prob. Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS Cranwell
03/07/1916	Prob. Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS Felixstowe
1917	Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS
01/04/1918	Captain	RAF (when RNAS and RAF combine)
01/06/1918	Acting Major	Commanding Officer No.232 Squadron RAF, No.4 Group, SW Area
28/02/1919	Acting Major	End Command of No.232 Squadron and return to Canada
1920	Squadron Leader	Canadian Air Force – Commanding Officer, Camp Borden
1921	Wing Commander	Air Board Assistant Director of Organization, Training and Operations
<b>1922</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Director of the Canadian Air Force</b>
<b>01/04/1924</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Director of the Royal Canadian Air Force</b>
1924	Wing Commander	Relinquishes position of Director of the RCAF to W/C William Barker
1926	Wing Commander	Assistant Director, RCAF
1928	Wing Commander	Director of Civil Government Air Operations responsible for Forest Fires
<b>1932</b>	<b>Group Captain</b>	<b>Senior Air Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force</b>
1933	Brigadier-General	Seconded to the Militia – District Officer Commanding MD 12 Regina
1936	Brigadier-General	District Officer Commanding Militia District 10 Winnipeg
1938	Air Vice-Marshal	Promoted to Air Vice-Marshal (one of two RCAF Officers Elevated)
01/1940	Air Vice-Marshal	Retired due to poor health – died 2 months later



**GORDON, F/L James Lindsay - Mention in Despatches** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 19 December 1917.

**GORDON, F/L James Lindsay – Board of Trade Silver Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea** - awarded on the recommendation of the President of the Board of Trade, announced in **The Aeroplane**, 27 March 1918; with F/S/L George Ritchie Hodgson, Leading Mechanic (E) Sydney Francis Anderson, and Wireless Telegraphist (A.M.II) Bertram Harley Millichamp,

"in recognition of their services in rescuing two men from an upturned float in the North Sea on May 29th last."

**GORDON, Captain (Acting Major) James Lindsay - Distinguished Flying Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 21 September 1918. No citation, but C.A.P. says:

"A pilot of great experience, initiative and skill. Has led formations over the seas and attacked with success enemy aircraft in their own area. Captain Gordon has been instrumental in saving life in disabled seaplanes on several occasions, and whenever any arduous duty has to be done, he is always to the fore to carry it out"



**Wing Commander William George Barker, VC, DSO and Bar, MC and 2 Bars**  
**Director – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1924**

Born: 03 November 1894 Dauphin, Manitoba  
Died: 12 March 1930 RCAF Station Rockcliffe (Ottawa) demonstrating and aircraft

**Honours**

30/11/1918+	VC	Victoria Cross
02/11/1918+	Bar to DSO	Bar to Distinguished Service Order
18/02/1918+	DSO	Distinguished Service Order
16/09/1918+	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bar to MC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bar to Military Cross
18/07/1917+	Bar to MC	Bar to Military Cross
10/01/1917+	MC	Military Cross
30/05/1918+	MID	Mentioned in Despatches (3 MID's in WWI)
12/09/1918+	Silver Medal	Silver Medal for Valour (Italy)
12/1918 ng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Silver Medal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Silver Medal for Valour (Italy) By the King of Italy after his VC
21/09/1918+	Croix	Croix de Guerre (France)



**Military**

1910 to 1914	Member	32 <sup>nd</sup> Light Horse, Non-Permanent Active Militia
12/1914	Trooper	1 <sup>st</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles (No. 106074)
06/1915	Trooper	1 <sup>st</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles – to England
22/09/1915	Trooper	1 <sup>st</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles – to France
02/04/1916	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Attached to Royal Flying Corps; 9 Squadron Probationary Observer
07/04/1915	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	No.4 Squadron RFC flying B.E.2
18/07/1916	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	No.15 Squadron RFC
27/08/1916	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Qualified as Observer
15/07/1917	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Graded as pilot at Netheravon
12/07/1917	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	No.47 Squadron RFC
07/08/1917	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Wounded while flying with No. 47 Squadron
17/08/1917	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	No.15 Squadron, RFC – Instructor in England
08/10/1917	Lieutenant	No.28 Squadron, RFC – flew the Sopwith Camel
07/11/1917	Lieutenant	No.28 Squadron to Italy; Barker Temporarily CO
01/04/1918	Captain	Royal Air Force (RFC and RNAS merged)
10/04/1918	Captain	No.66 Squadron, RAF
14/07/1918	Captain	No.139 Squadron, RAF (33 aircraft destroyed Italy)
30/09/1918	Captain	to England – Command Training School Hounslow
17/10/1918	Major	No.201 Squadron, RAF.
27/10/1918	Major	Severe wounded while winning the Victoria Cross
15/01/1919	Major	Transported from a hospital in Rouen to England



**Civilian**

1920	Mr	Business Partnership with Billy Bishop; Bishop-Barker Aeroplanes Limited
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**Military**

1922	Wing Commander	Canadian Air Force – Commanding Officer Camp Borden
<b>1924</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Director of the Royal Canadian Air Force</b>
1926	Wing Commander	Graduated from RAF Staff College, Andover
1926	Wing Commander	Two weeks with the RAF in Iraq learning about Air Power
1926	Wing Commander	RAF Staff College Course No. 4
1927	Wing Commander	Retires from the RCAF

**Wing Commander William George Barker, VC, DSO and Bar, MC and 2 Bars**  
**Director – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1924**

**Civilian**

1927	Mr	President Toronto Maple Leafs
1928	Mr	Tobacco Growing Farms
1928	President	Fairchild Aviation (Montreal)
1930	President	Fairchild – crashed Fairchild KR-21 biplane demonstrating it for RCAF



**BARKER, 2nd Lieutenant William George - Military Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 10 January 1917.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He flew at a height of 500 feet over the enemy's lines, and brought back most valuable information. On another occasion, after driving off two hostile machines, he carried out an excellent photographic reconnaissance.

**BARKER, 2nd Lieutenant William George, MC - Bar to Military Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 18 July 1917.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done continuous good work in co-operation with the artillery, and has carried out successful reconnaissances under most difficult and dangerous conditions.

**Wing Commander William G. Barker, VC, DSO, MC**  
**Director – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1924**

**BARKER, Captain William George, MC - Distinguished Service Order** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 18 February 1918; citation in issue of 18 July 1918.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on scouting and patrol work he has on five different occasions brought down and destroyed five enemy aeroplanes and two balloons, though on two of these occasions he was attacked by superior numbers. On each occasion the hostile machines were observed to crash to earth, the wreckage bursting into flames. His splendid example of fearlessness and magnificent leadership have been of inestimable value to his squadron.

**BARKER, Captain William George, DSO, MC - Mention in Despatches** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 30 May 1918.

**BARKER, Captain William George, DSO, MC - Silver Medal for Military Valour (Italy)** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 12 September 1918.

**BARKER, Captain William George, DSO, MC - Second Bar to the Military Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 16 September 1918.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When leading patrols he on one occasion attacked eight hostile machines, himself shooting down two, and on another occasion seven, one of which he shot down. In two months he himself destroyed four enemy machines and drove down one, and burned two balloons.

**BARKER, Captain William George, DSO, MC - Croix de Guerre (France)** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 21 September 1918.

**BARKER, Major William George, DSO, MC - Mention in Despatches** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 26 October 1918.





**Wing Commander William G. Barker, VC, DSO, MC**  
**Director – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1924**

**BARKER, Major William George, DSO, MC - Bar to the Distinguished Service Order** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 2 November 1918.

A highly distinguished patrol leader whose courage, resource and determination has set a fine example to those around him. Up to the 20th July, 1918, he had destroyed thirty-three enemy aircraft - twenty-one of these since the date of the last award (second Bar to the Military Cross) was conferred on him. Major Barker has frequently led the formation against greatly superior numbers of the enemy with conspicuous success.

**BARKER, Major William George, DSO, MC - Victoria Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 30 November 1918.

On the morning of the 27th October, 1918, this officer observed an enemy two-seater over the Foret de Mormal. He attacked this machine and after a short burst it broke up in the air. At the same time a Fokker biplane attacked him, and he was wounded in the right thigh, but managed, despite this, to shoot down the enemy aeroplane in flames.

He then found himself in the middle of a large formation of Fokkers who attacked him from all directions, and was again severely wounded in the left thigh, but succeeded in driving down two of the enemy in a spin.

He lost consciousness after then, and his machine fell out of control. On recovery he found himself being again attacked heavily by a large formation, and singling out one machine he deliberately charged and drove it down in flames.

During this fight his left elbow was shattered and he again fainted, and on regaining consciousness he found himself still being attacked, but notwithstanding that he was now severely wounded in both legs and his left arm shattered, he dived on the nearest machine and shot it down in flames.

Being greatly exhausted, he dived out of the fight to regain our lines, but was met by another formation, which attacked and endeavoured to cut him off, but after a hard fight he succeeded in breaking up this formation and reached our lines, where he crashed on landing.

This combat, in which Major Barker destroyed four enemy machines (three of them in flames), brought his total successes to fifty enemy machines destroyed, and is a notable example of the exceptional bravery and disregard of danger which this very gallant officer has always displayed throughout his distinguished career.



**BARKER, Captain William George, VC, DSO, MC - Silver Medal for Military Valour (Italy)** - Second award of this medal which was not gazetted. In Barker's medals held by the Canadian War Museum and on his tunic ribbons, he wears two ribbons for the Silver Medal. The reason is that the King of Italy awarded him the second Silver Medal after learning of his VC. While the British/Canadians/USA would award a bar or star for a second award, Italy awards a second medal and that is why Barker wears two Italian Silver Medals for Military Valour.

**Group Captain (later Air Commodore) James Stanley Scott, MC, AFC, ED**  
**Officer Commanding – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1924 to 1928**

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**Wing Commander Lloyd Samuel Breadner**  
**Director – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1928 to 1932**

See Chiefs of the Air Staff for biography

**Squadron Leader Albert Abraham Lawson Cuff**  
**Director – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1932**

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**Group Captain (later Air Vice-Marshal) James Lindsay Gordon, DFC**  
**Director of the Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1932**

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**Squadron Leader Albert Abraham Lawson Cuff**  
**Director – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1932**

Born:	02 May 1895	Kilasser, County Mayo, Ireland
Died:	24 March 1969	Canada

**Honours**

Nil

**Military**

1914	Private	Canadian Expeditionary Force
1915	Probationary Lt	Joined the Royal Flying Corps
1920	Flight Lieutenant	Instructor at Camp Borden
01/04/1925	Squadron Leader	Formed No. 2 (Operations) Squadron at High River, Alberta
1933	Squadron Leader	Member of the International Joint Commission with the United States
1932	Squadron Leader	Director of the Royal Canadian Air Force (time in this position was brief)
1935	Wing Commander	Commanding Officer No. 4 Squadron, Vancouver \ Replaced Breadner
1939	Air Commodore	Air Member for Training
02/1942	Air Vice-Marshal	Commander of Eastern Air Command
1944	Air Vice-Marshal	Retired



Air Vice Marshal Cuffe.

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**Senior Air Officer – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
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Born:	23 June 1896	Woodstock, Ontario
Married:	1924	Jean Eleanor McKay (died 1968)
Children	1930	Jean Margaret
	1933	Doreen Eleanor
Married:	1969	Sarah Jane ('Bobby') Roberts, RRC (died 1977)
Died:	28 March 1980	Vancouver, British Columbia



**Honours**

06/06/1943	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath
23/06/1918+	MC	Military Cross
29/03/1927+	Croix	Croix de Guerre avec Etoile en Bronze (France) (awarded 13 July 1918)
21/12/1946	Commander	Legion of Merit (USA)
20/09/1947	Commander	Legion of Honour (France)

**Civilian**

1912 - 1913	Teacher	Edmonton and Other Alberta towns (graduated from Calgary Normal School)
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**Military**

24/04/1917	Prob. Flight Sub-Lt	RNAS
27/09/1917	Prob. Flight Sub-Lt	RNAS to England where he transferred to the RFC
22/10/1917	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	RFC – No. 84 Squadron
18/04/1918	Lieutenant	No. 24 Squadron
19/06/1918	Captain	TDS Cranwell with No.4 TDS, Hooton as a Flight Commander and
07/11/1918	Captain	No.51 TDS, Shotworth \ Instructor
29/11/1918	Captain	No.2 Squadron, CAF to July 1919
05/07/1919	Acting Major	Officer Commanding, War Trophy Party, Canada
07/01/1920	Flight Lieutenant	Canadian Air Force – CAF # C4 – Superintendent of Camp Borden
07/10/1920	Flight Lieutenant	Participated in Trans-Canada Flight of 1920 in Halifax
17/10/1920	Flight Lieutenant	Arrive in Richmond, B.C.
11/12/1920	Flight Lieutenant	Assistant Director of Flying Operations in the Air Board under W/C Leckie
01/09/1921	Squadron Leader	Promoted – continues as Assistant Director of Flying Operations, Air Board
01/04/1924	Squadron Leader	Now RCAF (his 6 <sup>th</sup> Air Service – RNAS, RFC, RAF, CAF 1918, CAF 1920
01/04/1924	Squadron Leader	RCAF Headquarters as Assistant Director of Air Staff and Personnel
03/05/1925	Squadron Leader	Commanding Officer Station Winnipeg
01/10/1926	Squadron Leader	Preparatory Staff College course at Royal Military College of Canada
26/08/1927	Squadron Leader	Attends RAF Staff College, Andover
01/01/1929	Wing Commander	Promoted W/C - Assistant Director, Civil Government Aviation Operations
01/01/1932	Wing Commander	Acting Director, Civil Government Aviation Operations
15/11/1932	Wing Commander	Acting Air Staff Officer Royal Canadian Air Force
<b>01/06/1933</b>	<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>Acting Senior Air Officer Royal Canadian Air Force</b>
30/11/1933	Wing Commander	Commanding Officer Station Trenton
25/12/1936	Wing Commander	Attended Imperial Defence College
01/04/1937	Group Captain	Promoted to Group Captain
06/12/1937	Group Captain	Completed Imperial Defence College – eligible to use i.d.c.
05/04/1938	Group Captain	Commanding Officer of Western Air Command at Jericho Beach, Vancouver
13/11/1939	Air Commodore	Air Member for Organization and Training – British Commonwealth ATP
08/11/1940	Air Vice-Marshal	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff
01/05/1942	Acting Air Marshal	Planned Ottawa Conference May/June 1942
22/07/1942	Air Vice-Marshal	Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Training Command
09/01/1943	Air Vice-Marshal	Air Officer Commanding Eastern Air Command
25/03/1945	Air Marshal	Promoted Air Marshal as he was being appointed AOC RCAF Overseas
01/04/1945	Air Marshal	Air Officer Commanding RCAF Overseas – returns to Canada 22/07/1946
17/02/1947	Air Chief Marshal	Promoted to Air Chief Marshal on his retirement

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**JOHNSON, Lieutenant George Owen - Military Cross** - awarded as per **London Gazette** dated 23 June 1918.

“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Observing a large body of the enemy on a road, he descended to a low altitude and dropped four bombs, which exploded amongst them, causing the most severe casualties. He then attacked the enemy with machine-gun fire from a height of 20 feet, causing many more casualties and scattering them in all directions. On a later occasion, he secured four direct hits on a column of horse transport, and diving down to 50 feet, by his persistent attacks held up an enemy advance for a considerable period. He has destroyed two hostile machines, has driven down two others out of control, and has always displayed the greatest courage and coolness in the most difficult situations.”

**JOHNSON, Temporary Captain (Lieutenant) George Owen, MC - Croix de Guerre avec Etoile en Bronze (France)** - awarded 17 July 1918 as per **London Gazette** dated 29 March 1927.

No.23 Squadron - Temporary Captain George Owen Johnson, MC, Royal Air Force, General List

"A rendu des services signales pendant l'offensive allemande de mars a juillet 1918."

This award was approved by the French during the war but not actually gazetted until a much later date. RCAF Weekly Order dated 23 April 1927 quoting Air Ministry communication of 29 March 1927 gave "unrestricted permission for the wearing of the u/m decoration conferred by the President of the French Republic in recognition of valuable services rendered during the war of 1914-1918 - Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star to Captain (now S/L, RCAF) G.O. Johnson, MC."

**JOHNSON, A/V/M George Owen, MC (C4) - Companion, Order of the Bath** - Eastern Air Command (formerly Deputy Chief of the Air Staff) - Award effective 28 May 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date, **Canada Gazette** dated 2 June 1943, and AFRO 1459/43 dated 30 July 1943.

**JOHNSON, A/M George Owen, CB, MC (C4) - Overseas Headquarters - Legion of Honour (France)** - Award as per AFRO 845/46 dated 23 August 1946. External Affairs file "French Awards to Canadian Armed Forces - Particular Cases" (Library and Archives Canada, RG.25, Box 4140) has the following citation for a Croix de Guerre; he appears in a list of "Those Who Assisted in the Training of French Personnel in Canada". Many others in the document were reported as receiving French awards in AFRO 485/47 dated 12 September 1947:

“Air Marshal Johnson served as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff during the period the French personnel were trained in Canada and provided the utmost cooperation in any question concerning the French trainees.”

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**JOHNSON, A/M George Owen, CB, MC (C4) - US Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander)** - Award effective 15 August 1947 as per AFRO 441/47 of that date. NOTE: This was originally announced in AFRO 388/46 dated 12 April 1946, reference **Canada Gazette** dated 6 April 1946. Why republication? Public Records Office Air 2/9108 has recommendation.

“As Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Overseas, Air Marshal Johnson has been responsible for ensuring the maintenance by the RCAF of the hearty and effective co-operation and the cordial relations which have always existed between the fighting forces of the USAAF and the British Air Services in the United Kingdom. The success of these relations is a reflection of his outstanding achievements in his previous position of Air Officer Commanding, Eastern Air Command where effective co-operation with the United States Forces was the keynote of his fine efforts.”

**JOHNSON, A/M George Owen, CB, MC (C4) - King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberation (Norway)** - Award effective 12 June 1948 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 371/48 dated 11 June 1948. However, on 3 June 1948 Air Marshal W.A. Curtis wrote to him as follows:

I have just received official advice from the Royal Norwegian Government, through their Canadian Legation, that additional honour has been bestowed on you by virtue of the award of King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberation. I therefore wish to undertake this opportunity of expressing to you, personally, and on behalf of all ranks of the Royal Canadian Air Force, sincere and hearty congratulations. This well merited award not only recognizes your personal contribution to the success of the Allies in the recent conflict, but adds lustre to the proud record of our Service.



**Air Vice-Marshal George Mitchell Croil, CBE, AFC**  
**Senior Air Officer – Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**1934 to 1938**

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**Note: Janney is listed here as some lists of Canadian Air Force Commanders include him  
He WAS NOT a Commander of the Canadian Air Force – he was sent to join the RAF**

**Captain Ernest Lloyd Janney  
Provisional Commander of the Canadian Aviation Corps  
1914 to 1916**

Born	16/06/1893	Galt, Ontario
Died	22/04/1941	Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Military**

Summer 1914	Captain	Commissioned as a Captain by Sir Sam Hughes (Hughes says to join RAF)
09/1914	Captain	Bought a Burgess-Dunne AH-7 in USA; to Europe with Pilot Lt W.F.N. Sharpe
01/12/1914	Captain	Requested a grant to form Canadian Air Force but forced to resign
05/1918	Sub-Lieutenant	Royal Canadian Naval Air Service
1918	Sub-Lieutenant	Pilot of a Curtiss Flying Boat that crashed in Toronto Harbour

Note: Sir Sam Hughes said he sent Captain Janney to join the Royal Flying Corps, not start the Canadian Aviation Corps.

**Civilian**

05/1917	Captain	Announced that the new ELJ-5 Training Biplane was available for Inspection
03/11/1917	Captain	Established the Bay City (Michigan) Airplane Factory – Janney Aircraft Co.
01/1932	Captain	Businessman and Aviator “pioneer” working in Montreal

Ernest Lloyd Janney was born in 1894, a son of William and Elizabeth Janney. At the beginning of World War I, Mr. Janney, like many of his generation, was caught up in the excitement of the time. However, instead of enlisting in the army he pushed for the establishment of a Canadian flying corps. Although Mr. Janney **appears to have had no background in either flying or the military**, he did have a remarkable gift of persuasion. Through sheer perseverance he managed to convince the Minister of Defence, Sir Sam Hughes, to commission him a captain and to grant him \$5,000 to assist in the assembly of a Canadian flying corps. In this way the **Canadian Aviation Corps was born**. With a floatplane purchased in Massachusetts, Mr. Janney, in the company of his assistant Lieut. W.F.N. Sharpe, arrived in England on 17 October 1914. His airplane was condemned as not airworthy and Mr. Janney was grounded. He then went on an unauthorized tour of British flying fields and aircraft factories and was listed as absent without leave. Then in November he made an appeal to the federal government for a grant of \$116,000 to form a flight squadron. In response he was ordered to return home at once, was stripped of his commission and forced to resign in disgrace. All was not lost, however, and in May 1918 Mr. Janney was mentioned in an Admiralty dispatch as a member of the staff of the newly formed Royal Canadian Naval Air Service. Later that year Mr. Janney was piloting a Curtis Flying Boat which crashed into Toronto harbour. In 1921, a news bulletin from Edmonton reported that "Captain Janney" was organizing a dirigible air service from Peace River Alberta to Fort Norman in the Northwest Territories. There is no evidence that the service was ever implemented. A month after Charles Lindbergh completed his solo trans-Atlantic flight on May 20, 1927, the New York Times announced that an E.L. Janney would attempt an Ottawa to London England flight on July 11. No record of the flight has been found. After that all knowledge of Mr. Janney fades and it remains to be determined if he was one of the many slick con men attempting to cash in on get rich quick aviation schemes or one of the true heroes of the early flying days.