

Gimbert, George Alfred

Age: 25

Nationality: British

Rank: Corporal

Unit: No. 32 OTU

Occupation: Police

Service No: 947125 RAFVR

Birth: 18 April 1916
Stone, Staffs., UK

Home Town: Meir Heath, Staffordshire, UK

Death: 19 January 1942
Esquimalt Hospital, BC
Appendicitis

Burial: Royal Oak Cemetery, Victoria, BC, Canada



Biography,

George Alfred Gimbert was born on 18 April 1916, in Scone, Staffordshire, UK. His parents were Alfred Ernest Gimbert, licensee of The Windmill Public House, Meir Heath, and Julia Hough. He had two older sisters, Phebe and Margaret, and an older brother, John. George married Dorothy Irene Morrison in 1939 and they had one child. When George died in 1942 his next of kin were still recorded as his father and mother. In his will his very small estate was bequeathed to his father.

George enlisted in the RAFVR and was sent to Canada for training. At the time of his death, he was with the RAF police in No. 32 OTU at Patricia Bay, BC, Canada. As with all RAFVR personnel, his service records are not available to the general public.

On 29 December 1941, George was admitted to the Military Hospital, Esquimalt, BC. An operation determined that he was suffering from generalized peritonitis due to a ruptured appendix. After the operation his condition was complicated by broncho-pneumonia of the right lung and he became seriously ill. He was treated in an oxygen tent and given a series of blood transfusions after which he seemed to rally, and by January 17th he was well enough to be removed from the oxygen tent and to be eating. On January 18th he complained of pains in the left side of his chest and was returned to the oxygen tent and prescribed restoratives. He died the following morning.

George was buried with full military honours on January 21st at Royal Oak Burial Ground, Victoria, BC.

**Obituary from
'The Patrician'**

GEORGE ALFRED GIMBERT

A few days after the death of A/C Bradley the camp was again shocked to learn of the death of Cpl. G. A. Gimbert of the R.A.F. police. The funeral, with full military honours, took place on Wednesday, January 21st, at Royal Oak Burial Park.

IN MEMORY

It came as a great shock to members of the police section to learn of the passing of Cpl. Gimbert. He will always be remembered by those who worked with him, and by all with whom he came in contact, for his ever-jovial countenance, and his open-hearted and straightforward manner. The first impression he gave everyone was always that he was a man to be trusted and relied upon, which was due to his fine strong personality. However, it is not only for these attributes, but for himself, that his comrades will be missing a real friend at Pat Bay. In closing this short tribute the men of his section wish to express their deepest sympathy to his wife and child.

—F. WILDMORE, for all members of the police section.