

Abbotts, Albert Henry

Age: 20

Nationality: British

Rank: LAC

Unit: No. 32 OTU

Occupation: Signals

Service No: 1178853

Birth: 27 September 1921
Birmingham, U.K.

Home Town: Birmingham, U.K.

Death: 29 June 1942
Drowned
Elk Lake, BC, Canada

Burial: Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria, BC, Canada



Biography

Albert Abbotts was one of the many young men from the RAF who trained at Patricia Bay. RAF WW-II service records are not published and biographical information is difficult to find. He was born on 27 September 1921 to William and Mrs. V Abbotts. The following obituary is from The Patrician.



ALBERT HENRY ABBOTTS

It is with deep regret that we record the death of L.A.C. Albert Henry Abbotts, R.A.F., on June 29th, 1942. He was drowned after an attack of cramp whilst swimming in Elk Lake, in spite of a gallant attempt by A/C. R. Charman to save him.

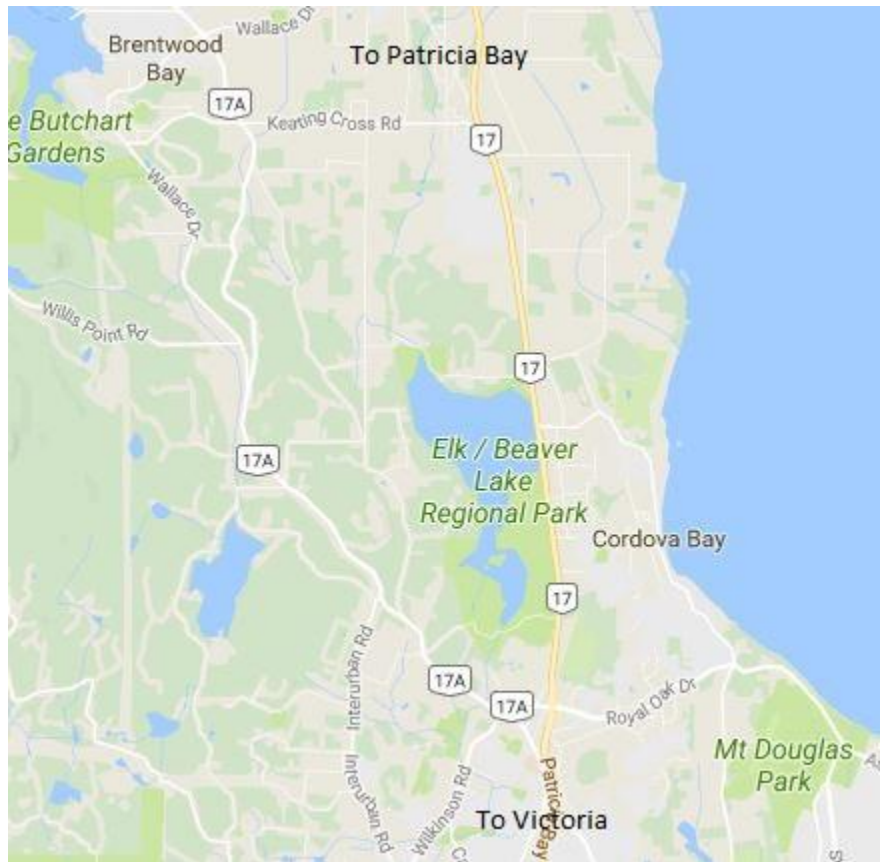
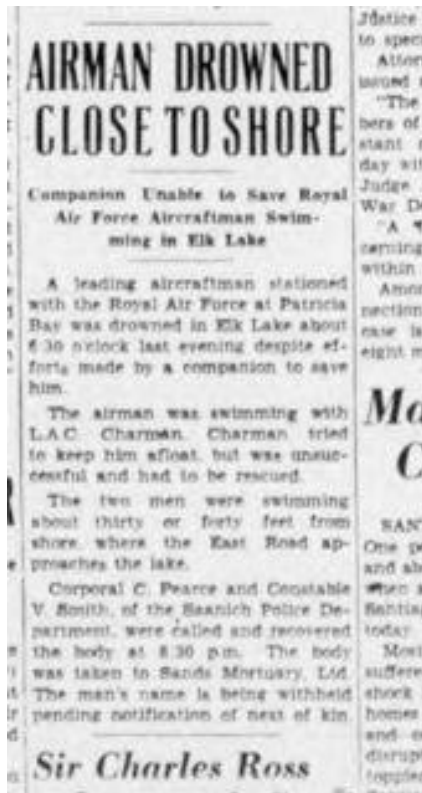
"Slim," as he was popularly known to his many friends throughout the camp, was twenty years of age and was employed in S.H.Q. Signals. His cheerful personality and genuine friendliness, his ever-ready willingness to help others and his ability to surmount all difficulties with apparent ease, will long be remembered by all. It was impossible, when in his presence to feel anything but a radiance of humour and sincerity.

To his relatives and friends we offer our deepest sympathy and the small consolation that he will be greatly missed by the many friends he had made on the Station and in the surrounding district.

The military funeral took place on Thursday, July 2nd, at the Royal Oak Burial Ground and was conducted by the padre, S/L. E. W. L. May.

Details of Accident

Elk Lake, North of Victoria and easily accessible from the highway linking Victoria to Patricia Bay, is a popular swimming spot. Albert and his companion, LAC Charman, were swimming 30 or 40 feet from the shore when Albert was disabled with cramp. His companion tried to keep him afloat but had to be rescued himself when he became exhausted. Officers from the Saanich Police Department recovered the body at about 8:30 pm.





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ALBERT H. ABBOTTS

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29TH JUNE 1942 AGE 20



HE SACRIFICED ALL PLEASURE.
WHEN DUTY HAD TO BE DONE HE ANSWERED HIS CALL.