

# Allan, John James

**Age:** 20

**Nationality:** Canadian

**Rank:** LAC

**Unit:** RCAF Patricia Bay

**Occupation:** Air Engine Mechanic

**Service No:** R/94517

**Birth:** 21 September 1922  
Minto, Manitoba, Canada

**Home Town:** Regina, Saskatchewan,  
Canada

**Death:** 25 October 1942  
Natural Causes  
St. Joseph's Hospital, BC, Canada

**Burial:** Royal Oak Cemetery, Victoria, BC, Canada



## Biography

John James Allan's plan was to be an Air Engine Mechanic (AEM). Following Grade 10 he enrolled in a technical college to take a Youth Training course in order to improve his chances when he applied to the RCAF in early 1941.

John was born on a farm in Manitoba and had eight years experience in farming. His hobbies were wireless and radio building. He was not interested in flying and enlisted for Ground Duties, believing himself to be qualified for motor engineering. He had worked hard on the course and when he was tested he was found to have very good theoretical knowledge and engine experience. He was accepted and began further training as an AEM.

Most of 1941 was spent in moving through the levels in his chosen trade and his rank. By 1 January 1942, John was a LAC and a class B mechanic. He reached class 'A' in April 1942.

John was in the station hospital in February 1942 and by early July 1942 was in various hospitals almost constantly. He was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria on August 20<sup>th</sup>, where he died of acute lymphatic leukemia on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

John was born to James Allan and Bertha Goodman on 21 September 1922.

James was an immigrant from Scotland and Bertha,

who had changed her name from Sigurbjorg, had immigrated from Iceland. Bertha already had three sons and a daughter from an earlier marriage when she married John's father. Together they had a further ten children, John being their first son and fourth child.

