

ROY, William Thomas Barry [UNTD SCOTIAN(ST FX) U-75477] (1928 - 1958) Age: 29

"Barry" Troy was a F2H-3 Banshee Pilot, flying with RCN Fighter Air Squadron VF-871 off of BONAVENTURE.

He was killed on active service in a flying accident, in Banshee 126428, on February 25, 1958, specifically;

"Entered dense fog bank at 200 ft above ocean. No further communication. Crash area about two miles off the Jacksonville Florida Beach."

The RCN obtained 39 used Banshees from the USN, taking delivery from 1955 to 1958. Between 1955 and 1962, 12 RCN Banshee Pilots were killed in flying accidents. Between 1949 and 1961, at least 80 USN Banshee Pilots were killed.

Barry Troy was born on December 6, 1928, in Chatham, NB. His father was a Judge, a younger brother became the Catholic Bishop of Saint John, NB. His mother lived to be 100. Barry was her maiden name.

He attended St Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS in the Fall of 1946 and entered the UNTD at that time (seniority Jan 11 '47)

A/SLT RCN, Sen. 1 Oct '50, O-74184.

In Jul '52 he was attached to MAGNIFICENT.

LT RCN, Sen. 1 Mar '54

In Jul '55 he was attached to NIAGARA.

In Jan '57 he was attached to SHEARWATER.

It is worth reflecting on the UNTDs who entered the Fleet Air Arm.

At least 69 UNTDs earned Wings in the branch, 54 as Pilots, 15 as Observers.

6 of the Pilots were killed on active service.

8 went on to Command both Regular and/or Reserve Naval Air Squadrons.

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