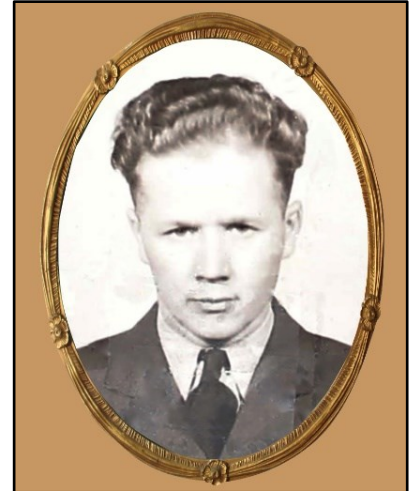




COLDWATER REMEMBERS **F/O MERVYN L.G. LOVERING**

Born in the Township of Matchedash, near Coldwater, Ontario, on February 7, 1917, Mervyn Lloyd George Lovering was the son of William Drew and Ethel Mary (Naish) Lovering. After graduating from the Coldwater Continuation School and working on a farm for a few years, he joined the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission to work as a lineman.

During the Second World War he enrolled with the Royal Canadian Air Force on December 16, 1941. He was 24 years old. On his Attestation Form, he is described as 5 feet 6 inches tall, with hazel eyes and auburn hair. He was single, and he identified his religious denomination as United Church. He had no previous military experience.



Mervyn Lovering (RCAF service number J20669) trained as an Air Gunner at No.2 Bombing & Gunnery School at Mossbank, Saskatchewan, in the fall of 1943. He was later given an officer commission. Flying Officer Lovering was eventually posted to Bomber Command with No.50 Squadron (Royal Air Force), operating from Skellingthorpe, England.

Mervyn's last flight would be on July 29, 1944, when he and his crew took off aboard their Avro Lancaster heavy bomber for a night time raid on Stuttgart, Germany. During the flight they were intercepted by German night fighters and their aircraft crashed near the village of Huchenfeld, Germany. There were no survivors among the crew of seven.

For his service to his country, Flying Officer Lovering was entitled to the 1939-1945 Star, the Aircrew Europe Star, the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the 1939-1945 British War Medal.

Flying Officer Lovering is buried at the Durnbach War Cemetery near Munich, in Germany. In Canada he is commemorated on page 368 of the *Second World War Book of Remembrance*, located inside the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower in Ottawa.

We will remember him.