

TIME LINE

WARRENT OFFICER ARNOST MRTVY 12/01/1916 19/04/1944

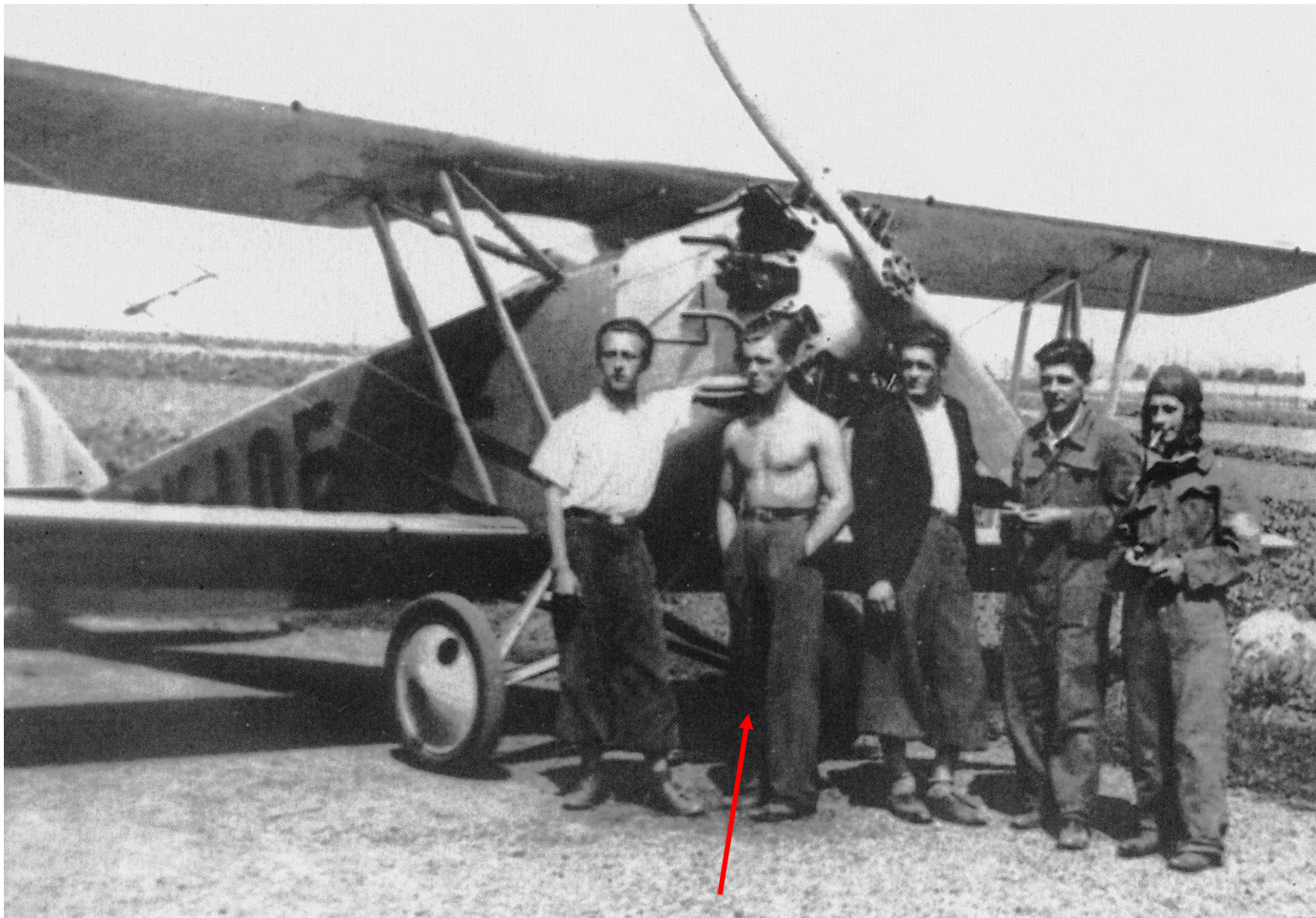


Born : 12/01/1916 at Hrdiborice in the district of Prostějov



School photo 1923 Hrdiborice

Training for pilot at the Military Flying School of Prostějov.



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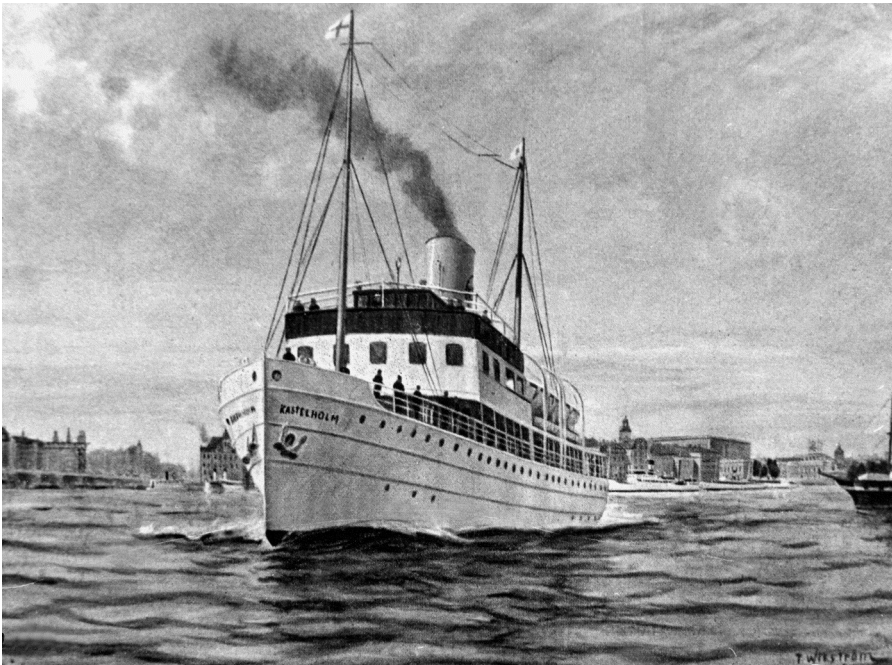
Absolvované školy a kursy.

Absolvoval			Potvrzení velitele školy, kursu
od - do	školu, kurs, kde	s prospěchem	
1./XII. 1936 do 15./IV. 1937	Teoretický kurs motor. letání u Kaučického aeroklubu v Olomouci	velmi dobře	Výcvikový referent KANÁCKÉHO AEROKLUBU škol. J. WYZULA [Signature]
10./V. 1937 do 31./VII. 1937	Praktický kurs motor. letání u KANÁCKÉHO aeroklubu v Olomouci	dobře	[Signature]
od 1./IX. 1938 do 5./VII. 1938	Absolvoval pul. výcvikový na letadlech domovních u výcviku pl. letky škol. pl. k. "Dr. E. Beneš"	dobře	Velitel cvičné letky poruč. let. J. Hartmann [Signature]

Escaped from Czechoslovakia in the summer of 1939 to Poland , and then with a boat to France.

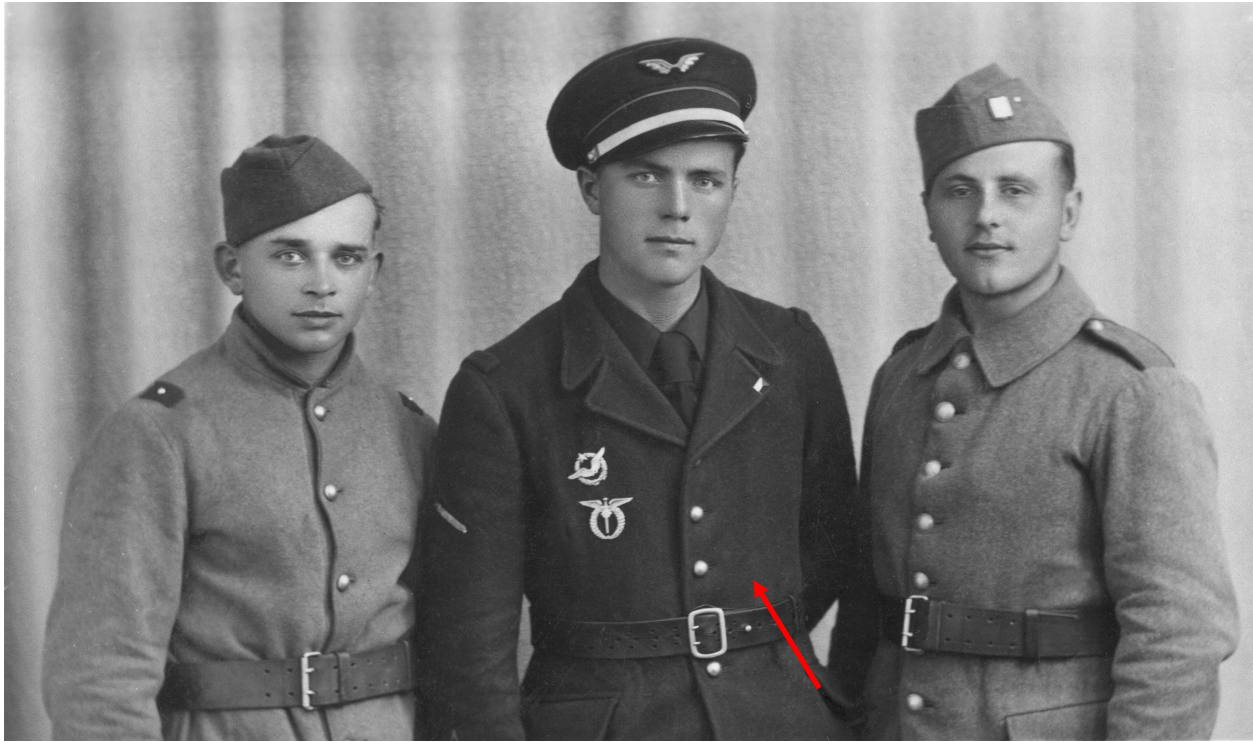


Suitcase Mrtvy



Escape to France with 8 friends





France 1940

After the fall of France he joined the RAF under number 787 187





Good friends Reznicek - Mrtvy



313 Sqn. RAF

Married to Marie 11/09/1941



Belongings send to Marie in 1945

Fatal day 19/04/1944

Monthly history of 391st Bomb Group (1 page)

MISSION TO MALINES, BELGIUM

April 19, 1944.

"This target is located on the main Zeebrugge-Ghent-Hasselt German railroad line. It is important as an alternate channel to the German rail route. It includes first class locomotive repair shops, and is one of the two main rolling stock repair centers in Belgium."
--Intelligence Annex to 99th Bomb Wing Field Order 15-272.

After a full week's operational inactivity due to bad weather, the route out took 39 of the Group's planes on a course over North Foreland to Furnes to Waereghem to Termonde to the target, where one hundred fifty-two 1000 pound General Purpose bombs were dropped with good results. Ninth Bomber Command's Summary of Operations for the day listed first phase interpretation of the Group's work as follows:

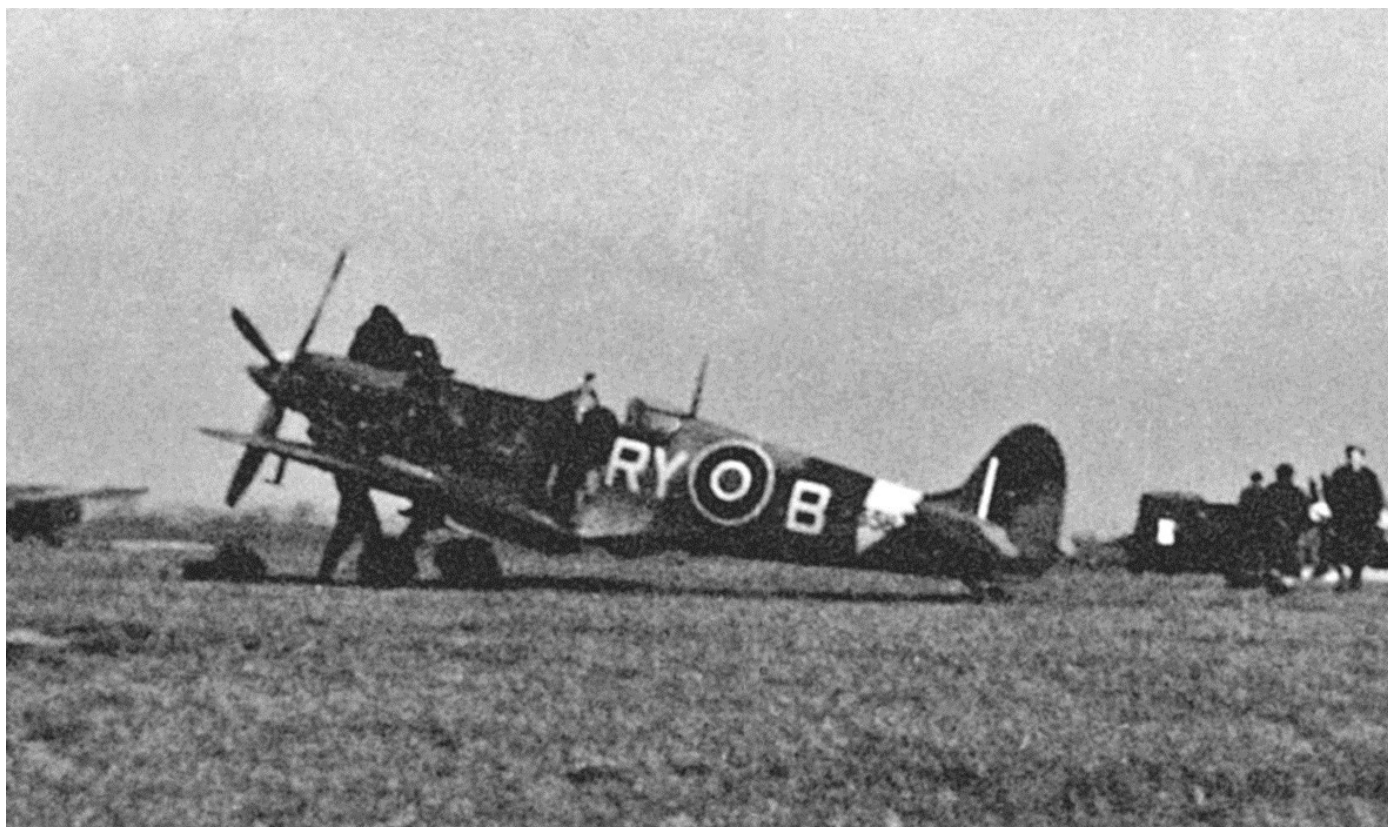
"One hundred percent of bombs in the target area. Hits observed in yards and on repair sheds."

Meager inaccurate flak was experienced at the target and from the Northeast corner of Walcheren Island. Light tracer flak was also directed at the formation from a barge off the tip of Schouwen Island. Only one aircraft received minor battle damage, however, and there were no casualties.

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Extract from the 391 BG report



Last known photo of Spitfire MJ558 at RAF Hornchurch 1944.

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RECEIVED	TELEGRAM	OFFICE STAMP TAUNTON 20 APR 1944 SOMERSET
Prefix.	Time handed in.	Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
49		Words.
From	349 2.47 CHA/T REDIRECTED FROM CRANFIELD BEDS 41	
MRS M. MRTVY 2 CLAREMONT SOUTH STREET TAUNTONSOMERSET		
= REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND 787187		
W/O A MRTVY IS MISSING FROM AIR OPERATIONS CARRIED		
OUT YESTERDAY STOP ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED		
WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY =		
OC 313 SQUADRON		
CT 2 787187 313 CHA/T MRTVY		
S ENQUIRY " or call, with this form his form, and, if possible, the envelope B or C		

Telegram send to Marie

Telephone: GERRARD 9234

AIR MINISTRY, 1A
73-77, OXFORD STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

REF. P. 416110/44/P.4.B.8.

SIR, 30 11 44

I am directed to inform you that the death of
787187 W/O A. Mrtvy

who (was) reported missing on the 19th April, 1944
 (~~was~~)
 is now presumed for official purposes to have occurred on
19th April, 1944 (313 Squadron).

I am, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
P Reddar.
 for Director of Personal Services

PR 36/44

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING(Group).
 OFFICER COMMANDING 313 (Squadron).
R.A.F. SKEABRAE, KIRKNAB, ORKNEY.

(*12996—9101) Wt. 26778—1604 100 Pads 9/43 T.S. 700
 (*14031—9101 Wt. 48140—3628 100 Pads 2/44 T.S. 700



Grave at Schoonselhof Cemetery close to Antwerp



Marie at their home in Hrdiborice



Arnost is still present in Marie's home ,she would never remarried

Marie dies in 2006 .

In the church in Hrdiborice is a memorial plaque ,and some parts of the plane that were dug up 11 years ago



Special thanks to
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