

CORLETT, Albert Vernon [UNTD CATARAQUI U-16875] (1930 - 1950) Age: 19

Albert Vernon Corlett was born Nov. 22, 1930.

In the summer of 1947 he was about to enter his last year at Bishops College School in Lennoxville, QC, as this excerpt below from the School's yearbook attests;

"Albert Vernon Corlett

Al entered the third form in September, 1943 and has now attained the dizzy heights of the sixth via forms four-B and five science.

Al shone in long distance running and skiing since he first arrived, but it was not until his second or neutral year that his efforts were tangibly rewarded. For first place in the Junior cross-country Albert was presented with the Hencker Trophy. It was not for lack of effort that the senior cross-country trophy

slipped through his fingers the following year and last year's loss only served to spur him to greater efforts this year and he was awarded the elusive cup.

He will be returning to the Seventh form next year and will subsequently enter the Faculty of Engineering at Queen's University.

It seems certain that Albert will go far in whatever field of endeavour he chooses and we sincerely wish him the best of luck."

He did enter Queen's Engineering in the fall of '48 and at that time also joined the UNTD as a Cadet(E).

He was the namesake of his father, Albert Vernon Sr., who coincidentally and perhaps fortuitously for Albert Jr, became Head of the Department of Mining Engineering at Queen's University in 1948 and held that position until 1964.

The date of Albert Jr's death, July 25th, 1950, would have coincided with his 2nd summer of UNTD training. I have not found an obituary nor any mention of him as a UNTD in anything other than the Canadian Navy Lists. In those Lists he appears as a UNTD Cadet continuously from 1949 through to 1960; a most unusual and perplexing archival fact. Its as if his passing was not noted in Navy records and so he remained Listed for at least 11 years as a Cadet; quite possibly a record then, although posthumously held.

There exists today in the Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science at Queen's, the A. V. Corlett Memorial Bursary'

"Established by former students of Professor A.V. Corlett who for many years was Head of the Department of Mining Engineering at Queen's. Awarded on the basis of financial need and promising ability."

Albert Sr. died in 1970.

Bill C.