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William Avery Bishop

A Canadian
fighter pilot and
ace credited with
destroying 72
enemy aircraft
during the First
World War

*“Better to die voluntarily crashing than to have the
enemy send you down in flames”*

-- William ‘Billy’ Avery Bishop

*Fall 1911:
Entered the Royal
Military College*

*2 June 1917: Awarded the Victoria Cross
– Canada’s highest award for military
valour – for destroying several German
planes during a solo mission*

*1939-1945: Promoted to Air
Marshal at the outbreak of
WWII, Bishop was in charge of
recruitment for the RCAF*

*8 February 1894:
Born in in Owen
Sound, Ontario*

*August 1914: Lieutenant
Bishop joins the
Mississauga Horse
Regiment to fight in WWI*

*October 1917: Married
sweetheart,
Margaret Burden*

*11 September 1956”
Died in Palm Beach,
Florida*