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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*