

Augerman, Clifford Gerald
Private
The Loyal Edmonton Regiment
Royal Canadian Infantry Corps
B/117350



Clifford Gerald Augerman was born 9 November 1923 at Merritton, now part of St.

AUGERMAN—CADE — At Trinity Parsonage, Napanee, by Rev. Dr. Shorey, on Tuesday, Oct. 12th, 1920, Mr. William G. Augerman, of Merritton, Ont., and Miss Laura V. Cade of Bath.

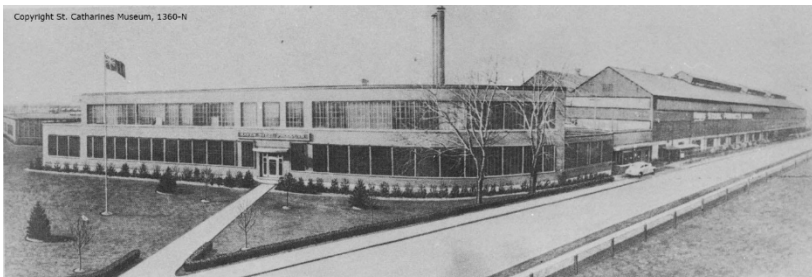
Catharines, Ontario (ON). His parents William Gordon Augerman and Laura Violet Cade, both of English descent, were married at Napanee, ON in 1920.

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William and Laura had two sons: Clifford and later Allen. William was a long term employee with Alliance Paper in Merritton, working as a bag maker among other tasks. The Augermans were members of the St. James Anglican Church in Merritton.

St. James Anglican Church Merritton, ON

Clifford completed two of years of High School in Merritton before quitting to work full time age sixteen. He gained some experience as a truck driver and became a machine operator for Hayes Steel in Merritton.



St. James Anglican Church, 1937. STCM S1937.23.5.1

Hayes Steel, Merritton, ON

Clifford attested 29 September 1943 at Toronto, ON age 19. He was then 5'11" tall, 149 lbs with blue eyes. His medical examination noted a burn scar on his left forearm. Clifford was allocated to the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC) and spent the next few months as a Driver at their Toronto Depot. He was posted to the Canadian Infantry Basic Training Centre at Brantford, ON 23 December 1943 and reported there following his Christmas leave time. Clifford was then assigned to Camp Borden, ON for advanced infantry training 25 January 1944.

Clifford was sent to the Canadian Driving and Maintenance School at Woodstock, ON 19 March 1944. He qualified as Driver Class III for both Wheeled and Universal Carriers 22 June 1944.



Canadian Driving & Maintenance School
Woodstock, ON WW2

Clifford returned to Camp Borden where he qualified as Driver Mechanic

Name AUGERMAN G G AT No. Serial No. 294 B Trade DRIVER MECH.
 No. 117350 Rank Pte Education Grade X
Canadian Infantry Corps (Rifle and Motor) Individual Training Record
 Date of Birth 9 Nov 24 P U L H E M S Civil Occupation Machine Operator Night Vision Test
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24 Jan 44	S	W/N	19 Jan 44	P/W	W/N	Aircraft and AFV Recog							
25 Jan 44	S	W/N	20 Jan 44	P/W	W/N	AA—Rifle and LMG							
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24 Jan 44	S	W/N	2 Feb 44	P/W	W/N	Mines and Booby Traps							
25 Jan 44	S	W/N	3 Feb 44	P/W	W/N	Battle First Aid							
26 Jan 44	S	W/N	4 Feb 44	P/W	W/N	2-in Mortar							
27 Jan 44	S	W/N	5 Feb 44	P/W	W/N	Cooking in the Field							
28 Jan 44	S	W/N	6 Feb 44	P/W	W/N	Field Training							
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The LER, also known as the 'Loyal Eddies' formed part of 2nd Brigade with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) and the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. 2nd Brigade and 1st Canadian Infantry Division (1CID) had served in the Italian campaign since summer 1943. When Clifford joined them they were in the process of being redeployed to Northwest Europe under Operation GOLDFLAKE.

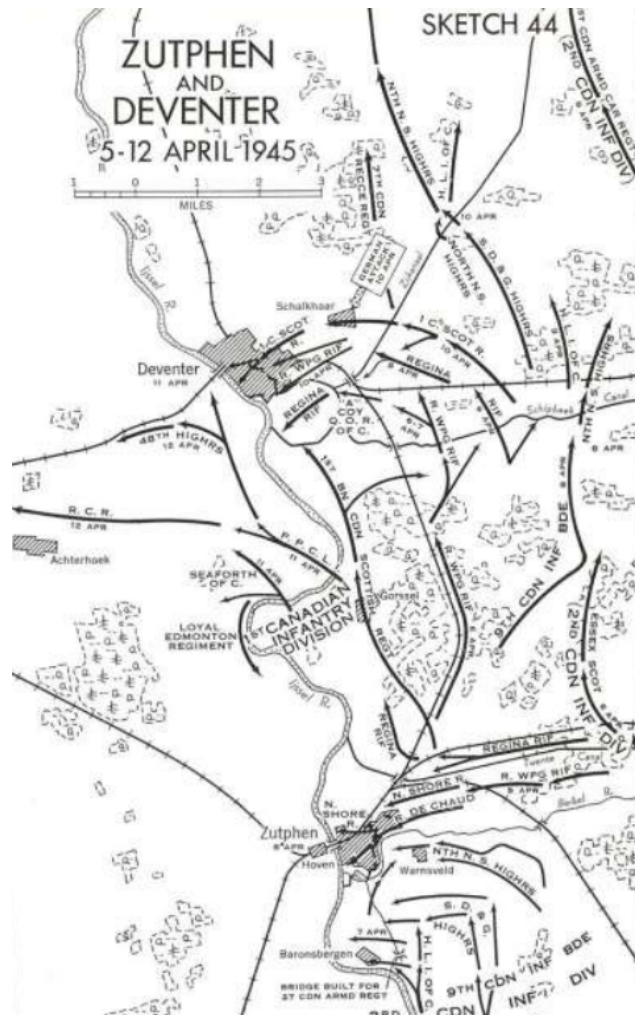


Allied ship loaded with vehicles and supplies entering Marseilles, France Harbour 1945 during Operation GOLDFLAKE

Clifford disembarked with his regiment at Marseilles, France 15 March 1945 and travelled in convoy with 1CID to Belgium.

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Loyal Eddies and 2nd Brigade crossed the Ijssel River between Zutphen and Deventer in the Netherlands 11 April 1945 to support 3rd Canadian Infantry Division. They deployed into position as a bridgehead on the left flank of the Seaforths on the west side of the Ijssel by 0145 hours 12 April. "C" Company then relieved a company of Seaforths. A pontoon bridge was rapidly constructed and all necessary battalion vehicles were able to cross by 0315 hours. The LER "A" Company advanced south at 1430 hours 12 April 1945, supported by artillery fire and a troop of tanks to attack the enemy positioned at a dyke wall west of the river. They captured 13 prisoners. "D" Company made a similar advance, using mortars and flame throwers. "B" Company then made their advance and by 1715 hours were firm on their objectives. Clifford Augerman was one of several LER casualties that day, dying of his wounds at 3 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, age 21.





Pte. Clifford Augerman son of Mr. and Mrs. William Augerman, 34 Merritt St., Merrittton, who has been reported killed in action in Belgium. He had been overseas since December, 1943, and had served in Italy and on the western front.

MERRITTON

Pte. Augerman is Killed in Belgium

MERRITTON, April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. William Augerman, 34 Merritt street, Merrittton, received word yesterday that their son, 21-year-old Pte. Clifford Augerman of the Canadian Infantry Corps, has been killed in action in Belgium while serving with his unit.

Pte. Augerman was born and raised in Merrittton, and attended Merrittton public and high schools. He was an eager worker at the Hayes Steel Co. before his enlistment in the Canadian Army two years ago. After intensive training in Canada, he went overseas in December, 1944, where he served a short time in Italy. He was later

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News Notes

Memorial services will be held in St. James' Church tomorrow evening for the late Pte. Clifford G. Augerman, who was killed in action in Europe recently.

The Standard 28 April 1945

21st April, 1945.

Mrs. Laura V. Augerman,
34 Merritt Street,
Merrittton, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Augerman:

It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your son, B117350 Private Clifford Gerald Augerman, who gave his life in the Service of his Country in the Western European Theatre of War on the 12th day of April, 1945.

From official information we have received, your son died as the result of wounds received in action against the enemy. You may be assured that any additional information received will be communicated to you without delay.

The Minister of National Defence and the Members of the Army Council have asked me to express to you and your family their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

We pay tribute to the sacrifice he so bravely made.

Yours sincerely,

(A.E. Walford),
Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

Private C.G. temporarily Lochem, and later Holten Cemetery, V. A. 4.

Photo

Augerman was buried at Netherlands relocated to Canadian War grave reference

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The inscription on his headstone:

ALL THAT HE HAD HE GAVE

TO SAVE MANKIND,
HIMSELF HE COULD NOT SAVE
Clifford Augerman's campaign medals:

- 1939-1945 Star
- France-Germany Star
- War Medal
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal/Clasp



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Clifford Augerman's name is listed with their local WW2 fallen on the Merritton, ON Cenotaph.



Merritton, ON Cenotaph courtesy Canadian Virtual War Memorial



Biography by Jim Little, Research Team Faces to Graves.

Sources Consulted:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Library and Archives Canada

Veteran Affairs Canada – Canadian Virtual War Memorial

Newspapers.com

Ancestry.com

Merritton, ON pictures stcatharinesmuseum.ca

Canadian Driving and Maintenance School, Woodstock, ON WW2 picture <https://webresources.oxfordcounty.ca/umbraco/documents/archives/Woodstock%20Advanced%20Driving%20%26%20Maintenance%20School.pdf>

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment cap badge picture <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/military-history/history-heritage/official-military-history-lineages/lineages/infantry-regiments/loyal-edmonton.html>

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum <https://www.lermuseum.org/news/72-world-war-2-remembered-loyal-edmonton-regiment-1945-q2>

Operation GOLDFLAKE information and photo <https://www.silverhawkauthor.com/post/operation-goldflake-i-canadian-corps-move-from-italy-to-northwest-europe-1945>

* Do you have a photo of this soldier or additional information please contact info@facestograves.nl

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WILLIAM G. AUGERMAN

William Gordon Augerman, 73, of 14 Hastings St., died today in St. Catharines General Hospital after a long illness.

Born in London, Ont., he had lived in this city for 65 years and had been an employee of the Alliance Paper Co. for 41 years, retiring in 1962.

He was a member of St. James Anglican Church, was interested in all branches of sport and was at one time a well-known baseball player in Merritton.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; a son, W. Allen, city; two brothers, John and Fred, city; two sisters, Mrs. William Hope and Mrs. Francis Hearn, city; and two granddaughters. A son, Clifford, was killed overseas in the Second World War.

He is at the Butler Funeral Home, where service will be held in the chapel Friday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Pleasant View Memorial Gardens.

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AUGERMAN, Laura— At the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Monday, June 27, 1988, Laura Augerman in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late William Augerman (1966), loving mother of Allen and his wife Vi, Private Clifford Augerman killed in action overseas 1945, dearly loved grandmother of Mrs. Bev Hayward, Janet, Glenn, and Dave, precious great nanny of Ryan and Catherine, dear sister of Mrs. Delma Sharpe, and the late Mrs. Florence Head (1975).

Laura Augerman was at the BUTLER FUNERAL HOME, 33 Duke St., where a private family service was held on Wednesday, June 29, 1988. Interment Pleasantview Memorial Gardens. If so desired donations to the Joint Hospital Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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