

Lee Anton

Trooper

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Lee was born on September 1, 1922 in Fox Valley, Saskatchewan to his Russian parents Alex and Tillie (Ottilia) Anton. He was registered under the name Liborius. They were married in an unknown place on November 11, 1914. It was a large Catholic family, his brothers were Niek, Leo, Eugene, Alex and Alois Anton and his sisters were Francis Anton, Bertha Herle, Rosemarie and Tillie Anton. A total of 10 children.

He attended primary school up to grade VIII (partial) and spoke English and German.

On November 12, 1941, he volunteered with the Canadian Army in Regina, Saskatchewan.

After several months of training in Canada, the training continued in the United Kingdom where he arrived in May 1942. He was absent without leave for several days during his training months in the UK and he also committed some other offences. He was disciplined for this. Lee is then assigned to the 14th Canadian Hussars, 8th Reconnaissance Regiment, a reconnaissance unit. In England, he is trained as a sniper.

A month after the landings on the beaches of Normandy, on July 7, 1944, his unit also went up to the frontline in France and Belgium. He took part in the further advance north and experienced fierce battles of his regiment until he got wounded on November 10, 1944.

After his recovery in January 1945, his unit had further liberated the southern part of the Netherlands and was located near Groesbeek. After fierce fighting in Germany, a rapid advance through the eastern part of the Netherlands follows.

As far as we can tell, Lee Anton was injured in April 1945. He was hospitalized in a Canadian military hospital in Lochem, but alas to no avail. It is there that he died on April 12, 1945 at the age of 22. After having been temporarily buried in Lochem, his remains are reburied on February 1, 1946 at the Canadian War Cemetery in Holten where he rests in grave plot 3, row B, grave 10.

Awards: 1939-45 Star, France & Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, CVSM & Clasp.

