

Corporal George Reginald ARMSTRONG

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George was born on 4 July 1914 and raised in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in England. He was the son of John and Mary A. Armstrong. George was healthy, fit and had perfect vision. He weighed 145 pounds and was 5 feet and a 1/2 inch tall. George completed primary school. He had no further education once he left Canada when he was 14. George's parents continued living in Newcastle-upon-Tyne when George went to Canada. His mother was next of kin, inheriting everything George owned when he passed away. George was single and had no children. He was a machine operator for a catering business in Toronto before he joined the army. He worked there for 3 years. George was enlisted on 2 June 1942 at the age of 27. He joined The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, which was part of The 48th Highlanders of Canada. He trained in Toronto, Niagara Falls and Debert, Nova Scotia. He left Debert on 22 December 1942 and went to the UK on 29 December 1942. Later he embarked at Italy on 11 March 1945 and disembarked at France on 13 March 1945, where he was killed in action. George Armstrong died on 15 April 1945 at the age of 30, while he was in the 48th Highlanders of Canada, for which he served 3 years. He was killed in action fighting on the border of Holland in an attempt to overthrow the Germans and liberate the Dutch. He was a part of a special (secret) operation which was a surprise attack on the Germans in the Netherlands. This secret

army went north through Belgium and reached the Netherlands in the southeast. From here they went north and west. This is how the Canadians liberated multiple cities, among Apeldoorn. Unfortunately for George, he died one month before the liberation of the Netherlands, which was on 5 May 1945.

