Private Harry James Armstrong was born on September 16, 1905, in Newbury, Ontario. The son of James Duncan and Mary 'Minnie' Armstrong he had one brother Gordon and one sister Minnie. Harry completed grade 9. He worked as a clerk in a grocery store, with his father who was a butcher, for 20 years, a bank clerk and occasionally as a house painter for \$15.00 per week. Harry enlisted on June 7, 1940, with the Royal Canadian Regiment. He disembarked to England on February 24, 1944. He embarked for Italy on March 27, 1944. Harry was reported MIA on September 3, 1944 and was taken POW #137613 and sent to Stalag 7A in Germany. Harry was reported safe in Allied hands. Whilst a POW he died because of alcohol poisoning while in the process of being liberated. Harry died on May 5, 1945. Liberation day. Harry is buried in the Holten Canadian War Cemetery, Plot IV.E.13.

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