



**Private James Laurence
AUCHTERLONIE**

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Private James Laurence Auchterlonie, beloved son of Florence Newnham and Rutherford Auchterlonie, was born on December 7th, 1924 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. He was the oldest child and had three younger sisters: Marguerite, Doreen and Carol, who he sadly had to leave when he enlisted. He was an active member of the United Church of England and, before the war, he attended Esquimalt High School. James also did an apprenticeship for one and a half years as a boat builder and he hoped to continue this trade in the future after the war.

James Auchterlonie enlisted at the age of 19 on September 1st, 1943 in Vancouver B.C. He had no previous military training but was "fit for service". James was a part of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (K. 54783) and earned the rank of Private. He was serving in Canada from September 1943 till November 1944, then in the United Kingdom from November 1944 to

February 1945, and finally in Northwest Europe until April of 1945.

Sadly, Private James Laurence Auchterlonie was killed in action in on April 13th, 1945 in Northwest Europe at the age of 20. However, in only his short one and a half years of service, he was given the France – Germany Star War Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp, and the 1939 – 1945 Star.

Private James Laurence Auchterlonie was laid to rest at Holten Canadian War Cemetery, Overijssel Netherlands. Grave 2, Row G, Plot 11. He will continue to live in the hearts beloved and unforgotten.

