

Pte Harris Lawson Baker

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Harris was born on September 3, 1921, in Oyster Pond, Nova Scotia, the son of Aubrey Clifford Baker and Hilda Baker. His father Aubrey died at a young age and his mother remarried on November 24, 1928. Harris married Gladys Elsie Baker-Warner from Haywards Heath, Sussex, England, on March 28, 1943, in Cuckfield, England. No children were born from their marriage. Harris had three brothers and one sister. From his mother's second marriage, he also had a half brother and two half sisters.

He was a farmer and a member of the Baptist Church.

Harris enlisted in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 27, 1941, and then went overseas to Gourrock, Scotland (UK) on July 30, 1941. The date he went to Northwest Europe to participate in the liberation advance is not noted in his military file. He took part in his regiment's advance and fierce fighting throughout Northwest Europe.

Harris died of his wounds on Tuesday, May 8, 1945, the day the Nazis surrendered, at the age of 23. He had been wounded in the battle for Cloppenburg, Northwest Germany, on May 4, just before the armistice. He was temporarily buried in Cloppenburg before being reburied in Holten on March 18, 1946.

On his gravestone: THE LOSS WAS GREAT I'LL NOT COMPLAIN BUT IN HEAVEN I HOPE TO MEET HIM AGAIN

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star, Defense Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

His mother and widow were awarded The Memorial Cross on June 9, 1945.

After the war, his grave was adopted by Wies de Roo from Enschede, Holland.

Harris served with the R.C.A.S.C. - 04th Armd. Div. Troops Coy-

