

Beckingham, Ernest Earl LanceCorporal

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Ernest was born on March 12 1925 in St John New Brunswick, the son of John and Queenia Beckham. His parents were separated later and he was raised then by his grandparents. He did not see his father since he was four years and his mother lived in Toronto and he felt himself as an unwanted child. His grandmother was Priscilla Connell of St John and his uncle was Robert B. Earle (his beneficiary).

He was a junior office clerk and member of the Church of England. He visited the public school till grade VIII.

His sports were basketball, baseball, swimming and fishing. He enjoyed dancing and movies and read "Digest" and "Book of Knowledge".

He enlisted on December 2 1941 at the HQMD in Fredericton New Brunswick but he was discharged on July 2 1942 due to underage. He enlisted the army again on April 5 1943 in Fredericton New Brunswick and he went on June 25 1944 thereafter overseas to the UK. He went on September 17 1944 then to NW Europe. He was involved then with the further advance and fierce battles of his regiment through NW Europe.

Ernest was killed in action on Wednesday April 11 1945 age 20 during the battle of the Küstenkanal in NW Germany. He was temporarily buried then in Börgerwald NW Germany before being reburied on March 15 1946 in Holten.

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

His grandmother was on December 17 1945 awarded The Memorial Bar.

He served with The Algonquin Regiment.

