

Pte John Benz

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He was born on the 11th of June 1925, in Birda, Romenia. His religion was Lutheran. His mother's name is Mrs. Carolina Benz, she was 44 years old when John joined the army. His father's name is M. John Benz, he was 49 years old when John joined the army. His parents were both born in Hungaria. John became Canadian through his father's paper. They lived on the 53 Tenth Street, new Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He had a sister called Mrs. LM. Dwyer, she was 23 years old when John joined the army.

John had blue eyes, brown hair and his weight was 135 lbs. He had a linear scar on his left upper eye lid. He was a short person and had an average weight. His health has always been the very best. He seems the perfect boy to get into the army. He appeared to be the type of young person who was always busy at something. He was very enthusiastic about joining the infantry. He went to school in Islington, he was in the 9th grade when he left to work on an age of 15. He has the average learning ability and appears quite stable. John only had one year of high school, he only speaks one language, English.

His hobbies are gardening, likes reading of a better kind, tinkers with electrical equipment, plays sports with other young men and finds time to spend training with the R.C.C.S. Reserve.

Before John joined the army he had 3 years of farming experience. He worked at the Continental can company. He didn't want to engage in farming after the war. He preferred to do the marketing of gardens. Before he just joined the army, he was a factory worker.

On the 17th of August 1943, John joined the army. He wanted to be a signalman but apparently he wasn't allowed to, he was restricted to the infantry. He served in Canada from 17-08-1943 to 11-07-1944. In the United Kingdom from 12-07-1944 to 28-08-1944. And in Northwest Europe from 29-08-1944 to 04-04-1945.

John had an accident with a pistol. This accident was on the 21th of November 1944. He just finished cleaning his officer's pistol and the spring was up. He took it, pointed away and let off the spring. The gun was loaded – the bullet ricocheted of a table and hit his fingers.

John died in action against the enemy on 04-04-1945 when crossed the Bridge in Almen. Some soldiers were hit by a grenade, John was one of them. He was temporarily buried in Almen. He participated in the Royal Regiment of Canada. H.A. Brummelhuis took care of the grave of John.

John Benz wasn't married nor did he have children.

