



**Lance Corporal Wilfred W.  
BOWCOTT                      01-E-09**

Wilfred ( Red ) Bowcott was the son of George and Ellen Bowcott from London, Ontario .

He went to Europe to the front with The 6th Armd BDN. Regt. 1st Hussars.

He died at Apeldoorn on April 14, 1945 at the age of 28.

His commanding officer wrote the following letter to his mother :

" Dear Mrs. Bowcott . You will have heard by now that your son Red was killed. I hope that it 's good to know how that happened . Red was my tank driver and I knew him for a long time . He was one of the "old boys " who came with us to Europe . It was during an attack on Apeldoorn, Netherlands , my squadron was ordered in the dark to occupy a bridge. My tank rode ahead . We were about 50 meters from the bridge , when we could not continue through a roadblock . We found ourselves in the midst of the Germans and there was no way to escape. We tried to turn the tank but before we could do so, we were hit by a shell and the tank caught fire. I was hit in the head and shoulder. I tried to get the crew out of the tank and saw to my horror that Red was dead. Ms. Bowcott , Red has not suffered as he was killed. The next day we took the city. I discovered the body of Red

and saw that he was buried . One of us has a picture of his grave. I will send you . I realize that this letter never can soften the sadness of this loss can, but I hope that it 's good to know what happened. Your son has not given his life for nothing.

Temporary grave Bowcott

