Caw, Bruce Edward Ashton



Bruce Caw was born on September 27, 1919 in Vegreville, Alberta, Canada. He was the son of John Ashton Caw and Elsie May Caw. Judging by the text on his tombstone, there is a brother Jack, but the service files give no information.

Bruce joined the United Church. When he was 20 he left school, he had also done 1 year of university. He spoke no language other than English.

On 2-12-1942 he enlisted in the army. Earlier (from June to December 1939) he had served with the 12th Manitoba Dragoons (Canada's non-permanent militia). He had worked as a time study clerk for a year at Massey Harris Co. Ltd. He would like to return there after the war, but he also indicates that he wants to follow a technical course at the university ('engineering').

His medical examination gives few details (only a scar on a thumb). He is 1.81m. long and weighed 80.5 kg. He has blue eyes and brown hair.

Bruce is assigned to the 1st Hussars RCAC. From 17-11-1943 to January 5, 1944 he takes a course for gunner. It is said of him that his theoretical knowledge was reasonable, but that he functioned well in practice.

On June 2, 1944, he leaves the UK for France.

Bruce died on April 13, 1945 in Teuge, and was temporarily buried in Lochem. Later his remains are brought to the Canadian Military Cemetery in Holten.

He rests in plot 3, row C, grave 07. His tombstone bears the inscription: 'Loving You Missing You So proud of You God Bless and Keep You Mum, Dad and Jack'.

Bruce Caw has been awarded the following awards: the 1939-45 Star; the France-Germany star; the Defense Medal; the War Medal and the CVSM & Clasp.

