



Private Montgomery CLIFF

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Montgomery Cliff was born on 14 March 1922 in Fort William Ontario. His parents were Jessie Ann and Thomas Otto Cliff. He had one sibling, his younger brother Harry Otto. Montgomery belonged to the Presbyterian Church, was not in a relationship and lived at home. After discharge, Montgomery planned to return to the paper mill, as his employer promised he could. He was going to work towards becoming a chemist, an ambition of his. Montgomery attended Fort William High School for three years, passed his Junior Matriculation and belonged to the school's Cadet Corps. His hobbies included baseball, fishing, swimming, skating, football and hockey. After he left high school, he went to work at the Great Lakes Paper Mill as a lab assistant and tester. Montgomery was a member of the Pulp and Sulphite Union.

Before Montgomery was enlisted, he spent ten months at a training camp in Saint Johns, New Brunswick. He finished his basic training and began to attend a motorcycle school. He belonged to District Depot, M.D. 10, Lake Superior Regiment (Motor). He was enlisted on 14 June 1941 at the age of 19. Montgomery continued with his motorcycle schooling and started more intense military training. He embarked for Europe on 3 September 1942. He stayed in the UK until 28 July 1942, when he left for France. Over the years he received the

following awards: The France-German Star, The Defense Medal, The War Medal and the CVSM with clasp.

He was ranked as a private and was paid \$ 1.00 a day and if he was on the battlefield, he would have received an additional ten cents per day.

Montgomery Cliff was killed in action on 5 April 1945 at the age of 23. He was first buried in a Protestant Cemetery and then reburied in Holten on 9 June, 1946.

