

Cpl Robert Theodore Cole

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Robert was born on April 16 1918 on Coles Island New Brunswick, the son of Frederick S. (deceased on December 31 1945) and Maria J. Cole (deceased on May 12 1944) of Young's Cove New Brunswick. They were married on November 5 1897 in Sussex New Brunswick. His brother Gilbert Frederick Cole became then his next of kin and his other brothers were Carey Freeman, Frank Carpenter, James Allen and Herbert Vincent Cole (also overseas in the army). His sisters were Mrs. Bessie Barton, Mrs. Violet Elliott, Mrs. Mable Gilbert, Florence and Ellen Cole.

He was a cook and member of the Baptist Church and his sports were hockey and football, he played guitar and liked singing and his hobby was carpentry work.

He enlisted on March 16 1940 in Sussex New Brunswick and he went thereafter on September 11 1943 overseas to the UK and afterwards on July 20 1944 to France.

Robert died of wounds received in action on Saturday April 21 1945 age 27 during the battle of Friesoythe in NW Germany and he was then temporarily buried there before being reburied on March 9 1946 in Holten. His grave was adopted after the war by a citizen of Amsterdam.

On his headstone: GOD SAW THE ROAD WAS ROUGH THE HILLS WERE HARD TO CLIMB HE OPENED THE HEAVENLY GATE AND SAID, COME, PEACE BE THINE

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Robert was kok en lid van the Baptist Church, hij deed aan ijshockey en Canadian football, hij speelde gitaar en hield van zingen. Een andere hobby van Robert was houtbewerking.

Hij nam op 16 maart 1940 dienst in Sussex New Brunswick en hij ging vervolgens op 11 september 1943 overzee naar het V.K en daarna op 20 juli 1944 naar Frankrijk om ingezet te worden bij de bevrijdingsoperaties in Noordwest Europa.

Robert stierf aan verwondingen in de strijd op zaterdag 21 april 1945 op de leeftijd van 27 jr. tijdens de slag om Friesoythe in NW Duitsland en hij werd tijdelijk aldaar begraven. Op 9 maart 1946 werd Robert herbegraven in Holten. Zijn graf werd na de oorlog geadopteerd door een inwoner van Amsterdam.

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