

Pte Ernest Wilson Coomber

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Ernest was born on June 20 1923 in Hamilton Ontario, the son of Ernest Edward and Mary Isabel Ferguson Coomber, of Dundas, Ontario. They were married on February 16 1921 in Dundas. His brothers were Norman Sinclair and William Clarence Coomber.

He was a farmer and member of the United Church of Canada. His sports were hockey and rugby and his hobby was collecting relics like arrow heads, skinning knives, flints etc. and he liked parties and dancing.

He enlisted on October 28 1942 in Montreal and he went thereafter on November 28 1944 overseas to the UK. He went then on February 7 1945 to Italy and he went back to France on March 15 1945.

Ernest was killed in action on Thursday April 12 age 21 near Voorst and he was buried then temporarily in Gorssel and he was reburied on January 5 1946 in Holten. He was also involved in the Operation CannonsHOT the crossing of the river IJssel between the villages of Gorssel and Wilp.

On his headstone: TO THEE WE LEAVE HIM, LORD, IN TRUST. "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS"

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; Italy Star; France Germany Star; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

He served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

