



Private Gaston Joseph COUTURE

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Gaston J. Couture of St. Boniface, Manitoba, from The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders was killed on 27 April, 1945.

He was the fifth of the 12 children of Pierre A. and Laura Couture (nee Lamoureux).

His sister recalls on 2 April 2002:

Gaston was the second oldest of five brothers and seven sisters. He was educated in Meyronne Seperate School in Saskatchewan and furthered his education at the College Mathieu in Gravelbourg. He was very active in sports, won awards in jumping, running, swimming, baseball and loved play his violin. He was an outdour person. I remember him raising this baby coyote after its mother had been killed. He'd fee dit and made a place on the farm for him. The howling at night frightened us youngest very much. Boy of many talents, he worked at the grocery store and at the drug store. He also baked his own bread for sale and made ice cream to sell at the bakery shop. He was a Jack of all Trades – a salesman for the Singer Sewing Machine Company and for Wearever Pots and Pans. At this time, he was working out of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. By the year 1942, the family had moved to Winnipeg, St. Boniface, where Dad was working for the CNR. Gaston enlisted in Winnipeg and was first posted to the barracks in Winnipeg for training. From here he was sent to Dundurn,

Saskatchewan, for more training. He then came home on a leave; three days later he was called to go to Nova Scotia and from there he was sent overseas.

Couture Bay in Semmens Lake was named after him in 1995.

