Cox, Melville Charles   Private   08 F 5

Melville (officially Melvin) was born on June 21 1925 in Neepawa Manitoba, the son of Charlie Russel Cox and Gladys Cox nee Kew (English) of St. James, Manitoba. They were married on November 1 1921 in Neepawa. His brothers were William Murray and Harold Russel Cox (also in the army) and his sister was Margret Helen Cox. His father also served with the army overseas.

He was a labourer and member of the United Church. He had a certification of first aid, knowledge of typing and his hobby were mechanics and his sport was baseball.

He served first from July 1 1943 till July 13 1944 with the RCAF. He enlisted on July 13 1944 then the army in Winnipeg and he went on January 17 1945 thereafter overseas to the UK and he disembarked on February 24 1945 afterwards the UK for NW Europe.

Melville was killed in action on Friday April 13 1945 aged 19 during the battle of the town of Friesoythe in Germany. He was temporarily buried in Neuvrees, Germany before being reburied on March 12 1946 in Holten at the Canadian War Cemetery.

On his headstone: AND WHILE HE LIES IN PEACEFUL SLEEP HIS MEMORY WE SHALL ALWAYS KEEP

He is also mentioned at the Memorial of the Lake Superior Regiment in Thunder Bay Ontario.

He served with the Lake Superior Regiment.

Medals:
1939-45 Star
France Germany Star
War Medal
CVSM & Clasp.