

Dabbs, Harold Jackson

Sergeant

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Harold was born on December 12 1920 in Lachine Quebec, the son of Enoch and Lily Dabbs of Lachine Quebec. They were married on August 31 1913 in Toronto. His brothers were Enoch Dabbs jr. and Jack Dabbs and his sisters were Betty Dabbs and Mrs. J. Miller.

He was an apprentice machinist and member of the Methodist Church. He left the school at the age of 16 and he attended High School for two years.

He volunteered with the Canadian army in Montreal on July 24, 1940, where Harold was recorded as his first name. In his soldier's book, he calls himself Harold Jackson. He first undergoes standard military training in Canada and is transferred to the United Kingdom on August 24, 1941. After three years of military training, he arrives in France on June 18, 1944, twelve days after D-Day.

After his arrival on the European continent, his regiment was involved in various fierce battles during the advance through France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

Only a few days before the end of the war, Harold died on May 4, 1945 from injuries he had suffered in the battle for Cloppenburg (Germany). He was only 24 years old. After being temporarily buried in Cloppenburg, he was reburied on March 18, 1946 at the Canadian Cemetery in Holten where he rests in plot 12, row C, grave 10.

His family chose the following words to be put on his headstone:

N LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR SON EVER REMEMBERED BY MUM, DAD
AND FAMILY

He was awarded: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star; Defence Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

His mother was awarded on June 13 1945 The Memorial Cross and his father was also awarded the Memorial Bar.

He served with the 7th Reconnaissance Regiment
(17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars)

