

## Pte Jacob George Enns

10-B-6



Jacob was born on August 4, 1918 in Altona Manitoba to William J. and Kathleen Enns from Altona (both Dutch nationality). Jacob is married on October 11, 1944 in Petersfield Southampton England to Patricia Joanna Enns-Lawrence from Haslemere England and they had a son Johnny Enns, born on June 28, 1944. From July 1, 1944 he paid an amount of \$ 20 per month for his son to Patricia. Patricia later remarried as Mrs. Kenny.

His brothers were John, Bill, Peter, Martin and Elchy Enns (all brothers except Bill also in overseas armies). His sisters were Agnes Reirson, Helen Nielsen, Kathleen Enns, Nelly Hiebert and Agatha Enns.

Jacob was a truck driver. He left school at 16 and reached grade 8, he spoke English, German and Dutch. He was member of United Church of Canada.

Jacob enlisted in Calgary on 25 August 1941 and then went overseas to Gourock in Scotland in December 1941. On November 21, 1944, he was sent to the front in NW Europe.

Jacob was killed in action on Thursday 26 April 1945 at the age of 26. during the battle for the hamlet of Gruppenbühren in the municipality of Ganderkesee in Germany. He was then buried temporarily at the Caspari Barracks in Delmenhorst, Germany before being reburied in Holten on March 14, 1946. The other fallen soldiers of this battle and regiment and also temporarily buried at the Caspari Barracks in Delmenhorst were: Lt Edwin O. Copas, age 24 yr. in grave 9-B-6, Pte Alfred D. Gorzitza age 21 yr. in grave 9-B-8, Pte Amil A. Larson, age 26 yrs in grave 9-B-7, Sgt John P. Stirling, age 22 yrs in grave 9-B-15 and L/Sgt William H. Webb , age 24 yrs. in grave 9-B-3.

On his tombstone: DEAR BRAVE LAD, TO GOD AND THY MOTHER I COMMEND THEE.  
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His grave was adopted after the war by Hendrika Baan from Rijssen.

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France-Germany Star; Defense Medal; war medal; CVSM & Clasp. His mother and widow were awarded The Memorial Cross on June 6, 1945.

His name is mentioned on the Cenotaph in Altona.

He served with the Calgary Highlanders.

