

FINTON Elwood Cpl C4773
Hasting & Prince Edward Regiment R.C.I.C.
Holten War Cemetery
I F 11
KIA 17-4-45

DOB 27 Feb 1921
Religion: Baptist
Trade: Farmer

Place of Enlistment: Picton, ON
Date of Enlistment 24 Sept. 1939

Father: Fredrick (Fred)Port Hope, ON
Mother: Mary Taylor deceased
Step Mother Helen Agnes Finton of Woodstock, ON

Brothers:
Cecil Frederic, Port Hope, ON,
Harold, (Gressy), RR2 Port Hope, ON,
Garwood L/Sgt UK
Sisters: Lola, Garnavan, ON,
Bernice, (Garnavan), Sudbury, ON,
Mary, & Audrey Woodstock, ON

Mrs Walter Lewis, Picton Lola Finton & Walter Lewis
Mrs Bernard Dillon, Kingston, ON
Mrs John Morrison, Minnow Lake

Left school age 14. 8th Grade.

SOS C.A. UK 28-01-40 to 13-06-43
TOS C.A. Med 14-06-43 to 10-03-45
NWE 11-03-45 to 17-04-45
Disembarked France 12-03-45
KIA 17-04-45

Theatres and Dates of Service
Canada 24-09-39 to 27-01-40
UK 28-01-40 to 13-06-43
Italy 14-06-43 to 10-03-45
NWE 11-03-45 to 17-04-45

Cause of death BC Killed
Place Teuge, Holland, H&PER Cem MR DEVENTER 18 Apr 45

Quote from book The Regiment by Farley Mowat

Occasional artillery salvos rumbled loosely overhead. From the west, retreating German mortars stopped long enough to fire a few hasty bombs. But the woods were rowing still.

Not far being the lead troops Cpl. Fenton, of the three-inch mortar platoon, found the frayed ends of a broken telephone wire leading from his mortars to the forward Observation Post. In a few moments he had spliced the raw ends together, and then suddenly his hands relaxed and let the thin cable fall to the sandy soil. His body slumped, falling forward on the wire that was already carrying the words of living men. He had joined his Regiment in 1939 and had fought with it and lived for it ever since that day. He was one of the last of the 'originals' and only a week earlier he had refused his repatriation ticket-of-leave to Canada for the transcendent reason that he could not leave his Regiment until the end.

On April 17, 1945, as the evening light dimmed over the forests of Nieuwmilligen, Cpl Fenton took his ticket-not one of leave-but one of transfer to that other, the swollen regiment of shadows that had grown through the red years even as the living regiment had dwindled in death.

As he had been amongst the first to come, now he was the last to go-the last to take his warrior's transfer to the unseen ranks of the White Battalion.
For the Regiment, the war was done.

Ancestry: Lorelei Switzer message sent January 12, 2019

HISTORY OF SISTER

Lola May Finton (Fenton)
Delbert 1914
Harold 1915
Garwood 1921 Fenton (Finton)
Elwood 1921-1945
Cecil Frederic Finton 1908-1971
Married James Walter Lewis 1907-1986
Son John Frederick Lewis 1931-1992 Oshawa, ON
 William Walter Lewis 1944-2008
daughter: ?

Obit Quinte Healthcare Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital

MOTHER OF: GRACE (JOE JOHNS)
LATE JOHN (GERALDINE)
LATE MURIEL, MAURICE (JANET)
JEAN CAHOON
BILL AND ELWOOD (ELAINE)

SISTER OF:

Dorothy Dillon (Bernard Dillon) found obit

Audrey Ling

Mary Cuthbertson

Late Bernice, Harold, Garwood, Elwood and Cecil