

Sgt Donald Mayford Fife

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Donald was born May 6, 1922 in New Cannon, Nova Scotia to Percy Samuel and Laura May Fife (both British) of Halfway River, Cumberland, Nova Scotia. They were married on May 23, 1918 in Southamton, Nova Scotia. His brothers are Lawrence and Russell Fife and his sisters Wanita Lewis-Fife, Lavernie MacLeod-Fife and Grace Fife.

Donald was a laborer and a member of the United Church.

Donald enlisted in Halifax Nova Scotia on April 8, 1941 and went overseas to the UK on November 11, 1941, to receive further military training as a corporal in the 2nd Cnd Provost Company. On July 5, 1944, he was sent to the front in France.

Donald was killed on Saturday, April 7, 1945 at the age of 22, during the liberation of Holten. When crossing the Schipbeek he drove his motorcycle into a mine, with a fatal outcome for him. He was temporarily buried in the vicinity of the Wippertsbrug near Holten and then reburied on December 16, 1945 at the Canadian Cemetery in Holten.

On his tombstone: THERE IS A LINK DEATH CANNOT SEVER LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE LAST FOR EVER

His medals are: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star; War Medal; Defense Medal: CSVM & Clasp.

He served in the Canadian Provost Corps.



Donald Fife at a chapel in Normandy

A Dutch motorcycle club has the chapel where he is photographed with his Norton, discovered and visited years ago. Fife's grave is still visited by this club every year on the anniversary of his death, April 7 1945, and honored with flowers.