

Pte Albert Francis Forsbrey

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A. F. Forsbrey

Albert was born in Toronto on September 17, 1923, the son of George L. and Elizabeth Forsbrey-Fletcher of Toronto. Both had English nationality and both had already died when Albert enlisted. His brothers were George and Edward Forsbrey and his sisters were Marie Lydia Forsbrey and Phyllis Louise Yewman-Forsbrey, whom Albert had named as his heiress.

He was a machine operator and a member of the Church of England.

Albert enlisted in Toronto on November 28, 1942 and received his military training in Sherbrook, Quebec and Bedford, Nova Scotia. On July 20, 1943, he went overseas from Halifax, Nova Scotia to the United Kingdom, where he trained daily for combat on the

European mainland.

On December 16, 1944, Albert was sent to the front in the southern Netherlands. He was then assigned to the Essex Scottish Regiment. At the beginning of February 1945, Albert and his regiment were deployed in the Rhineland offensive.

Having already paid a high price to drive the Germans from the western bank of the Rhineland, the Essex Scottish moved to the Netherlands to dismantle the German defenses there. After liberating the city of Assen and clearing the Groningen area in mid-April, they returned to Germany to support the British on their way to Bremen.

Albert was killed on Thursday, April 26, 1945 at the age of 21 during the battle for Ganderkesee, in northwest Germany. He was then temporarily buried in Nuttel, a hamlet near Delmenhorst (D) before being reburied in Holten on March 16, 1946.

On his gravestone: OUR BELOVED BROTHER ALBERT. HIS MEMORY IS A TREASURE
HIS LOSS A LIFETIME REGRET

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

