

Hodkin Richard H 2 A 5

I have a photo of my dad and will get it scanned next week and will send you a copy.

As for your other questions, I have little information, but can make a few comments as follows.

2. I don't know much about my father's youth. As I previously explained to you his parents were farmers who lived east of Prince Rupert British Columbia. Their farm was adjacent to the Canadian National Railway line that runs to the port of Prince Rupert and very close to the Skeena River. I previously suggested that if you google Hodkin Road, Kitwanga, British Columbia Canada, you will see geographically where he grew up. I was only there for a short while when I was very young and have little recollection of it, although I may try to go there after COVID. I assume if he survived the war, he would have returned home to take over his parents farm, but that is speculation. His parents passed away I believe in the early 1950's.

3. My dad had two sisters. Bea and Mae. Mae was married to Tom Ainslee and Bea to a man whose first name was Fred, I don't remember his last name. The Ainslee's had two children George and Alice. Alice's married name was Morret. I don't think either had children, but both lived in North Vancouver.

4. When the war broke out, my dad enlisted early on and was sent to Britain early in the war, I assume to help in the defence to prevent an invasion. He met my mom there at that time. My mom was in the British Women's Army Corps when they met. My mom had two children, my older sister Margaret, who died of breast cancer many years ago, I believe in the 1970s.

5. As above my mom and dad met during the war in the early 1940's I don't know the exact date.

6. My mom was from a large Scottish family. After the war with the poor post war conditions in Britain, she took the opportunity offered by the Canadian Government to immigrate to Canada with me and my older sister Margaret. We went to my Dad's parent's farm near Kitwanga. I understand that his parents wanted me to replace their lost son, but not my mom and my sister Margaret. The Department of Veteran's Affairs relocated us to a small village Deep Cove at the east end of North Vancouver, British Columbia.

7. I don't know what year she remarried. She lived Common Law with Dave Barrett for a number of years before marrying him.

8. My mom did not talk much about my Dad, so I don't know much about his personality. I only recall one of my Scottish uncle's speaking highly of my dad - I think that conversation was whiskey induced though (my uncle, not me).

9. I don't know how my grand parents wanted me to replace my dad, I gather they were just distraught about their loss.

10. I visited my father's grave because it was a good opportunity as we were in Europe to do the River cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. As I said before it is very sobering to visit Holten cemetery and see that we lost 2200 men there. I also know we lost another 6600, who are buried in Gros Beak cemetery. That loss is pretty unfathomable

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