

Pte Charles Edward William Joseph House

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Charles was born on April 16, 1920 in Hamilton Ontario. His father was James Francis House and his mother was Ellen Winnifred House. Charles had a total of 7 siblings. The brothers' names were Lorne, James and Hugh; the sisters were named Dorothy, Mary, Joyce and Ellen House. On April 26, 1940, Charles married Dulcie Cynthia House. He was a truck driver by profession and also followed a diesel engine course. One of his hobbies was shareball, a ball sport. He played this sport at every position. Another hobby of his was playing the harmonica.

Charles enlisted in the army on September 5, 1939. He became a driver of large trucks in the army.

Charles was 1.73 meters (converted) tall and weighed 62 kilograms (converted). His chest width was 82 centimeters (converted). He had green/grey eyes and a dark complexion. He also had a scar near his left eye and a scar near the right side of the lower jaw.

Charles was trained in Canada until February 1941 and was then sent overseas to the United Kingdom. There he continued his military training until October 14, 1944. Then he was sent to the front in Western Europe. He was assigned to the Stormont Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders Regiment.

After a liberation advance of six months, Charles was killed on April 4, 1945 near Zutphen. He is not yet 25 years old. Charles was first temporarily buried in Wichmond (Gld). And later on 11 April 1946 reburied in Holten.

He has received several medals:

1939-1945 Star, France-Germany Star, Defense medal, War medal, The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp

His gravestone reads: Into Thy hands I have placed my soul O Lord.

