

## **Pte John Lewis Hughes**

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John was born on January 17 1916 in Eriksdale Manitoba, the son of Mr. E.G. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes (deceased). He was married on June 22 1940 in Winnipeg with Irene Hughes of Winnipeg and she remarried later as Mrs. Purdy. His brothers were A.L. Hughes (overseas in the army of the Central Mediterranean Forces) and Dennis Hughes (RCAF overseas). His sisters were Evelyn (probably married with Mr. Laycock) and Esther and Grace Hughes. His half-sisters were Mrs. J. Carr and Mrs. Houston.

He was a labourer and member of the United Church.

He enlisted on July 4 1940 in Winnipeg before he went on June 20 1941 thereafter overseas to Gourock in the UK. He went on July 10 1944 then to NW Europe. He was involved with the further advance of his regiment through NW Europe.

John was killed in action on Thursday November 2 1944 age 28 during the battle of the Scheldt. He was temporarily buried first in Zoutelande and after that on April 29 1946 at the Bergen op Zoom Canadian War Cemetery before being finally reburied on September 9 1946 in Holten.

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

His widow was awarded on February 20 1946 The Memorial Cross.

He served with the RCAMC 11th Field Station.

