



John Kibzey was born on October 20 1925 in an unknown place in the Ukraine. His father Peter Kibzey and mother Nettie are both also born in Ukraine. They had three sons: Michael, John and William

Mother Nettie had already died before that John Kibzey was killed. The parents of John were married on August 5, 1921 in Poland. Peter Kibzey is after the death of Nettie remarried with Anna Wozny. A widow with three kids; Elsie, George and Stella. Together

they had one son: Walter. In totally John Kibzey also had two full blood brothers, one step brother, 2 stepsisters and one half brother.

The family was Christian.

In Canada, John Kibzey has left the elementary school at the age of 15 with grade 8 and then has not gone to the high school. He has worked after leaving school for 3 years at the farm of his father in Bienfait, Saskatchewan.

On November 22 1943 at the age of 18, John Kibzey has gone voluntarily in the army. He has signed up in Regina, Saskatchewan.

John Kibzey had hazel-coloured eyes and brown hair. He was 5 foot and 8 ¼ inch tall (173 cm) and weighed 176 pounds (79.8 kg). He was identified by a scar from surgery to the cecum, which was well healed and a part of his left thumb was amputated.

He has served in the following places:

- Canada from 22-11-1943 till 12-11-1944
- United Kingdom from 18-11-1944 till 22-01-1945
- North-West Europe from 22-01-1945 till 12-04-1945

John was killed in action during the fighting on April 12 1945 at age 20. He was three days later temporarily buried on the northern side of the Oranjekanaal at Zwiggelte (Drenthe) in the front garden of a farm. On 17 April 1946, he was reburied at the

Canadian military cemetery in Holten. The headstone there is adopted by a woman from Deventer. In Zwiggelte is, on his death place, on April 12 2015 a monument unveiled in memory of John Kibzey. This is done by his two Canadian half-brothers Walter Kibzey and George Wozny.

In the army John Kibzey was decorated with:

1939-45 Star, France-Germany Star, War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal (with Clasp), Defence medal.

On his headstone is written: They shall not grow old as we are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.

