

## **Private Lawrence Frederick KING    05-D-14**

Lawrence Frederick King was the son of Wilfred and Nora Francis King from Sudbury, Ontario. He was the First child and born on 18 June 1924. He had 3 brothers and 3 sisters, all younger as he. After 7 years public school he became a smelter man for International Nickel Company in Sudbury.

Before enlisting he served with Sault St. Marie and Sudbury Regiment from April 1942 until April 1943. He successfully completed a Sniper Course. On 19 January 1944 he served with The Irish Regiment of Canada in Italy. On 20 February 1944 his regiment was transferred to the Western Front. Lawrence Frederick died as a result of accidental injuries, fracture of the pelvis and internal injuries as a result of falling from a truck returning from a pass on 18 May 1945. On the night of 17 May Private King and three soldiers stopped Cpl. J. Mackenzie on the road for a lift. Two of the soldiers got in the back of the truck and Private King and his buddy got on between the cab and the body. A truck was coming towards them and they were heading for a pole. Both Private King and his comrade bucked but Private King lost his grip and fell off. There was a bend in the road and the visibility was not good.

Lawrence Fredrick King was a tall slim soldier, who appears strong and healthy. He had a good homer background. He was somewhat shy and self-conscious. He preferred his own company the greater part of the time and said he became nervous if people watch him at

work or otherwise became conspicuous. His work record and interview was very stable. Keen bright, and he has high ability and mechanical aptitude. He was fond of hunting and was especially interested in firearms. He said he reads a great many "western" and detective stories.

Private Lawrence King was 21 years old.

