

Leitch, Charles Rosslen

Gunner

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Charles was born on April 19 1913 in Elkhorn, Manitoba, the son of William and Isabell Leitch of Brandon Manitoba. They were married in 1899 in Clifford North Dakota USA. He was married on an unknown date in spring 1942 in Surrey England with Joyce Murial Leitch nee Dulske of Coulsdon Surrey UK. His brothers were Donald William, James Scott and Ronald William Leitch and his sisters were Mrs. N.E Johnston and Mrs. J. Norton. His other brother Frederick Robin Leitch was already deceased on an unknown date and the other brother Thomas Leitch was also already deceased in 1909.

He was a labourer and member of the Presbyterian Church. He attended the High School till Grade VII.

He enlisted on September 18 1939 in Brandon Manitoba and he went on December 9 1940 thereafter overseas to Gourock Scotland and then on November 27 1943 to Italy and he went on February 24 1945 afterwards to France. He participated after his arrival in Europe during the advance and fierce battles of his regiment through Europe.

Charles was deadly wounded on Thursday August 23 1945 age 32 due to a traffic accident in an unknown place in Holland. He was temporarily buried then in Almelo before being reburied on February 4 1946 in Holten.

On his headstone: WHO WILL CLIMB INTO THE SKY BRING REDEMPTION FROM ON HIGH, LIGHT THE DREARY GRAVE AND THE DEAD AND DYING SAVE?

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

His mother and widow were awarded on October 18 1945 The Memorial Cross and also The Memorial Bar.

He served with The Royal Canadian Artillery - 2 Bty.-12 Field Regt.

