

Low, Matthew Thomas

Signalman

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Matthew was born on July 1, 1924 in Toronto, to Carr James Low and Elizabeth Gillies Low (Scottish) of Tynningham, Prestonkirk, East Lynton, East Lothian, Scotland and later 69 Parkside, Tedburgh, Roxburghshire Scotland.

He was a truck and tractor driver and member of the Presbyterian Church. He had obtained the Jnr. Lower Leaving Certificate (3 years).

He enlisted on August 4 1943 in London, England and he was sent to France on July 6 1944, only a month after D-Day. After his arrival on the continent he participated in the advance and fierce battles of his regiment through NW Europe.

Matthew died on Sunday July 15 1945 age 21 due to an accidental drowning during a sailing boat trip while he tried to swim afterwards next to this boat at the Bad Zwischenahn Lake in North Germany. It appeared that he could not swim very well and he was drowned therefore afterwards despite some attempts to rescue him by the two other signalmen of the sailing boat. His body was recovered then later and identified on July 20 1945 by the two signalmen who were with him at this sailing boat. The conclusion of the army court was no evidence of foul play. He was temporarily buried then in Osterscheps North Germany before being reburied on March 8 1946 in Holten.

On his headstone: AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEE

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

His mother was awarded on August 16 1945 The Memorial Cross and his father also The Memorial Bar.

He served with The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

