

Miller, Glen Edmund

Sergeant

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

Royal Canadian Infantry Corps

M/106949



Glen Edmund Miller was born 29 September 1921 at the hamlet of Meanook near Athabasca in northern Alberta (AB). His Danish father Julius Jasper Miller emigrated to Canada in 1904. His mother Ruby Alena Moulton, of English descent, moved west from Ontario with her family to Wynyard, Saskatchewan (SK) around that time. The couple were married at Wynyard in 1908 and farmed at nearby Kandahar, SK.

Their first three children Annie, Damus and George came before Canada

entered World War One. Julius attested with the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1916 and was sent overseas the next year. He suffered a gun shot wound to his right knee and was discharged as physically unfit due to his wound December 1918 after the war ended. Upon returning home he met his daughter Ruby Ethel, born while he was away.

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Discharge Certificate

This is to Certify that No. 294169 (Rank) Private.

Name (in full) Miller, Julius enlisted in the 223rd. Battalion.

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE at Winnipeg, Man. on the 6th day of April 19 16.

HE served in France Three (3) Months with the 27th. Battalion, and is now discharged from the service by reason of being Physically Unfit:- "Wounds."

THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows :-

Age <u>32 7/12 years.</u>	Marks or Scars <u>O.S.V. Right Knee.</u>
Height <u>5 feet 9 inches.</u>	
Complexion <u>Fair.</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue.</u>	
Hair <u>Blonde.</u>	

Signature of Soldier J. Miller Issuing Officer E. Stone Lt.-Col.

Date of Discharge 11-12-18. O.C. #12 District Depot.

Signed at Regina this 11th day of December 19 18.

in Military District No. 12.

File Reference No. 130-M-12 D.D.

N.B.—As no duplicate of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, Canada.

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Julius borrowed money from the Soldier Settlement Board in 1919 and decided to homestead in the Athabasca district of Alberta.

Norman and Glen were born there before tragedy struck in 1923. Julius died from a heart condition brought on by his war experience at age 37 while butchering a calf to feed his family. His widow Ruby and their young children struggled to keep their mixed farm at Meanook going. She cooked for threshing crews and took in teacher boarders to earn some money. The next year the Soldier Settlement Board demanded that a loan payment be made and foreclosed on the Miller homestead, selling off their equipment and livestock.

They were fortunate to be provided with a rent fee house by the community in Meanook where the children attended school. A Scotsman named Fred Macintyre was a teacher there who was also a Great War veteran. He loved the Miller children and became their stepfather after marrying Ruby in 1926. Fred and Ruby had two surviving children: Donald and Dorothy, half-siblings to Glen. All their children were given a Presbyterian upbringing. Glen's eldest sister Annie became a nurse and sadly died in 1934.



Glen stayed in school until completing grade 7, quitting to work full time on his stepfather Fred's half-section (320 acres) farm age fourteen. He learned to drive tractors and trucks and was left to manage the farm when his parents moved to Vancouver, British Columbia around 1938. He also became interested in blacksmithing and welding.

The four youngest brothers George, Norman, Glen and Donald enlisted after World War Two broke out. Glen had by then acquired the farm from Fred and arranged for his eldest brother Damus to look after it while he was away. Glen attested 3 March 1943 at Edmonton, AB age 21. He was then a big man at 6' tall and 170 lbs. The Medical Examiner noted that he had a hernia repaired in 1942. Glen contracted the mumps and spent 10 days at the Edmonton Military Hospital in April before taking his basic training at Wetaskiwin, AB.

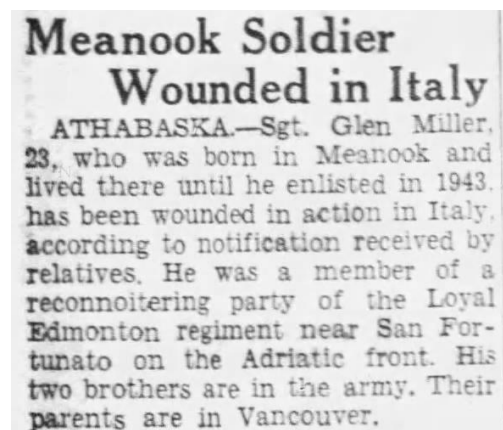


Canadian Army basic training Wetaskiwin, AB

Glen was sent to Calgary, AB for advanced infantry training May 1943 where he was promoted to acting Lance Corporal. He was cleared for overseas

service and following embarkation leave was shipped overseas, disembarking in the UK 1 September 1943 where he reported to the Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit. Glen reverted rank to Private and was selected for duty as a replacement soldier with 1st Canadian Infantry Division which was engaged in the Italian campaign. He disembarked in Italy 7 November 1943 and was taken on strength by the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) the next day.

The LER, also known as the 'Loyal Eddies' formed part of 2nd Brigade with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) and the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. 2nd Brigade and 1st Canadian Infantry Division (1CID) had served in the Italian campaign since summer 1943. Glen was admitted to 15 Canadian General Hospital for most of December 1943 and some of January 1944 for synovitis of his right knee. Glen was reappointed acting Lance Corporal with the LER 10 May 1944 and promoted to acting Sergeant later that month with his rank substantiated 29 August 1944.



Glen was wounded when he was a member of a LER reconnaissance party near San Fortunato, Italy 19 October 1944 and remained on duty.

Edmonton Journal December 1944

Soon after he was admitted to 5 Canadian Field Ambulance 11 November 1944 and was diagnosed with hepatitis. Glen spent 17 days at 1 Canadian General Hospital for treatment that month. Following a rest period at the town of Riccione near Rimini, 1CID was given the job of breaking through a succession of closely spaced rivers and canals including the Lamone and Senio Rivers in early December 1944. They forced the Germans back beyond the Naviglio Canal where the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment were hanging on to a foothold they had gained. On 13 December the LER "C" and "D" Companies moved up with some tanks from the British Columbia Dragoons to reinforce them. After two more days, the

Additional Notes by Unit M.O. and Field Ambulance			
Morphia—	A.T. Serum—		
Dose, Time and date given—	Dose and date given—		
Date of Wound or onset of illness	Religion— C o / E.		
23 SINGLE.			
Disease*	Microscopic Diagnosis*	Malaria Treatment	
Malaria	B.T. M.T. Q. Clit.	Days	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Dysentery	B.Ex. Ehyst. Indef. Ex.	Atob. grs.	
		Quin. grs.	
NOTES			
<p>L.E.R. 11/10/44 10 dys. nausea, dyspepsia, anorexia no previous hepatitis - P.A. interoid, scleral, urine (H.H. bile) - deep cholestasis tenderness liver not palpable - liver R.A.T. Williams (M.O.)</p>			

FIELD MEDICAL CARD	
No. 1106949	Rank Sgt
Name	Miller, G. E.
Unit	The Loyal Edmonton Regiment
Disease—Causality—Accidentality—Non-accidentality—Sick.	
(Strike out description which does not apply)	
Diagnosis of Unit M.O.—	
INF. HEPATITIS	
Date seen by M.P.	11/10/44
No. of Field Ambulance—	5th C.F.A. Copt
Date of admission—	11/10/44
Field Ambulance diagnosis—	infectious hepatitis
C.C.S. or M.C.S. diagnosis (if altered from above)—	
as above	
General or other Hospital diagnosis (alterations or additions)—	

Germans gave up and retreated to the Senio River line under pressure of an attack by all three battalions of 2nd Brigade. By Christmas Allied Command decided that no further efforts would be made to break through the German lines for the rest of the winter. The enemy kept up an aggressive program of raiding and patrolling through January and February 1945.

The LER and 1CID were redeployed to Northwest Europe early in 1945 under Operation GOLDFLAKE .

Allied ship loaded with vehicles and supplies entering Marseilles, France Harbour 1945 during Operation GOLDFLAKE

Glen disembarked with his regiment at Marseilles, France 16 March 1945 and travelled in convoy with 1CID to Belgium.



The Loyal Eddies and 2nd Brigade crossed the Ijssel River between Zutphen and Deventer in the Netherlands 11 April 1945 to support 3rd Canadian Infantry Division.

PPCLI preparing to cross Ijssel River 11 April 1945

They deployed into position as a bridgehead on the left flank of the Seaforths on the west side of the Ijssel by 0145 hours 12 April. "C" Company then relieved a company of Seaforths. A pontoon bridge was rapidly constructed and all necessary battalion vehicles were able to cross by 0315 hours.

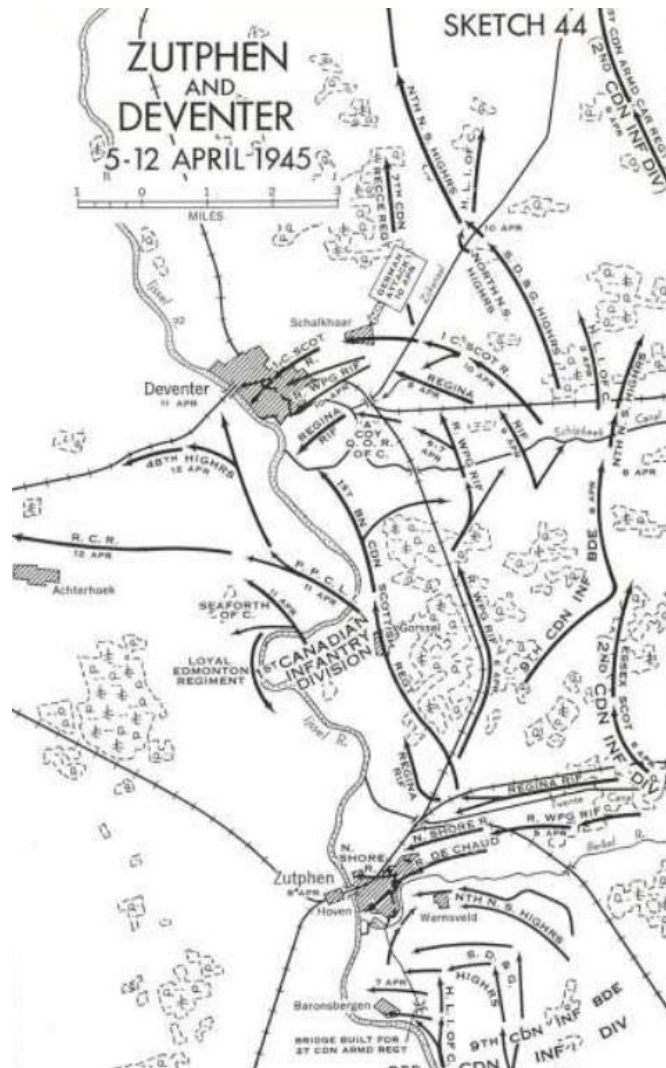
The LER "A" Company advanced south at 1430 hours 12 April 1945, supported by artillery fire and a troop of tanks to attack the enemy positioned at a dyke wall west of the river. They captured 13 prisoners. "D" Company made a similar advance, using mortars and flame throwers. "B" Company then made their advance and by 1715 hours were firm on their objectives.

The next morning, 13 April 1945, LER "B" and "C" Companies attacked, crossing the dyke with the latter quickly achieving their objective. "B" Company reached their objective capturing 16 prisoners and suffering four casualties. "D" Company also achieved their objective and reconnaissance

patrols were sent forward. By the end of the day the total number of prisoners of war taken were one officer and 94 other ranks. Sergeant Glen Miller was one of the LER casualties that day, killed in action age 23.



Edmonton Journal May 1945



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CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY) OTTAWA 16 APRIL 1945

TO:- MRS RUBY MACINTYRE
1057 E 13TH AVE
VANCOUVER B C

73037 RECKET DEEPLY M106949 SERGEANT GLEN EDMUND MILLER HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION THIRTEENTH APRIL 1945 STOP YOU SHOULD RECEIVE FURTHER DETAILS BY MAIL DIRECT FROM THE UNIT IN THE THEATRE OF WAR STOP TO PREVENT POSSIBLE AID TO OUR ENEMIES DO NOT DIVULGE DATE OF CASUALTY OR NAME OF UNIT

PREPAID DIRECTOR OF RECORDS

Sergeant G.E. Miller was temporarily buried at Gorssel, Netherlands and later relocated to Holten Canadian War Cemetery, grave reference **II. C. 12**.

Photo Credit lestweforget1945.com

The inscription on his headstone:

ALBERTA'S SOD,

AND HERE....


HE PLOWED WITH FURROW STRAIGHT

FOR YOU... AND GOD



Veteran of Italy Killed in Belgium

Sergeant Glen Edmund Miller, 23, was killed in action April 13 in Belgium while serving with the 49th Edmonton Regiment according to information received by his parents, Staff Sgt. and Mrs. F. Macintyre of 1057 East Thirteenth.



He went overseas as a private in 1943 and served in Italy until he was transferred to the Western Front last month.

Sgt. Miller was credited with the capture of German prisoners in October, 1944, and though he was wounded at the time, refused to go off duty.

Vancouver Sun, April 1945

Glen Miller's campaign medals:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Italy Star
- France-Germany Star
- War Medal
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal/Clasp



Biography by Jim Little, Research Team Faces to Graves.

Sources Consulted:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Library and Archives Canada

Veteran Affairs Canada – Canadian Virtual War Memorial

Newspapers.com

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Ruby Alena Moulton Miller McIntyre Autobiography (1962)

Athabasca, AB Elevators photo <http://www.prairie-towns.com/athabasca-images.html>

Wetaskiwin, AB Canadian Army Training Centre WW2 photo
<https://www.pipestoneflyer.ca/marketplace/remembering-when-second-world-war-training-came-to-wetaskiwin-6869869#:~:text=During%20the%20Second%20World%20War,Wetaskiwin%20District%20Heritage%20Museum%20Centre.>

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment cap badge picture
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The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum
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Operation GOLDFLAKES information and photo
<https://www.silverhawkauthor.com/post/operation-goldflake-i-canadian-corps-move-from-italy-to-northwest-europe-1945>

* Do you have a photo of this soldier or additional information please contact info@facestograves.nl

1434 Jefferson Ave.
West Vancouver, B.C.
405-M-41155
10 Aug. 1946

CANADIAN LEGION
WAR SERVICES

Director of Records,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

M106949 Sgt. MILLER, G.E. (L.E.R.)

The above, my stepson, was
killed in action and we understand
no will has yet been found.
We now wish to transfer Glen's
2-1/4 sections in Alta. to his brother,
Norman, recently discharged,
through the Edmonton Land Office.
We wonder if you could
inform us of the necessary
procedure, and if assistance
could be given if Letter of
Administration is necessary.
Thanking you,
Yours Truly,
Fred Macintyre.

Nat. Defence Hq.
Ottawa, Canada
AUG 16 1946
Director of Records
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A. FRANSSEN
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Holten, the 5th of May 1948

Sir.

Herewith I inform you, that we
have adopted the grave of Sergeant G. E. Miller
Loyal Edmonton Regiment, buried on Plot 2.
Row E, Grave No 12. M. 106949.

We ask you to forward on the
enclosed letter to: the last recorded next of kin
We thank you in advance

Yours truly,
A. Franssen
A74 Holten (O)
Netherlands.

Dept. of Veterans Affairs
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Glen's mother Ruby Macintyre later wrote an autobiography during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, titled "Why Women Hate War".

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and Fred had no qualms leaving him to run the farm. But Glen, too, later joined up, arranging with his elder brother, medically unfit, to run the home place and the farm he, himself, had acquired. Finally Don, our youngest lad, when he was just 16, sailed for New Zealand and Britain in the Merchant Marine. Glen became a sergeant in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and was killed in action in Holland just before war's end.

So I got another telegram, only, this time, they first contacted my husband, then a Warrant Officer in Vancouver, and had him bring me the sad news. I suffered shock for months thereafter. One can never completely wipe out the memories and the tragedies of war, nor overcome the toll it takes from our physical health. The bodily suffering of soldiers in battle is terrible but easily assessable; the mental anguish of their women folk may be just as poignant but is not felt by those responsible for war.

And now we are walking along the brink of the final holocaust of extermination. Let us pray that President Kennedy's brave stand on Cuba will close the gate on war for ever.

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October 31, 1962.

Ruby Macintyre

Damus Miller had a son Glen Albert named after his fallen brother, who died at age 20 in a tragic multiple vehicle collision in 1967.

Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune 2 Aug 1967



Ruby Alena Moulton Miller Macintyre

Vancouver Sun 1973

Five Perish In Collision On Highway

EDMONTON (CP) — RCMP released the names today of five persons killed last night in a four - vehicle accident one mile south of the city.

Dead are Glen Albert Miller, 20, of Meanook, Alta., Olynik Oleska, 40, Kathy Oleska, 56, Mary Kaminski, 18 and Donald Kenneth Toma, 22, all of Edmonton.

Two other persons were injured. They were identified as Mrs. Kathy Kaminski, 56, and Jean Kaminski, 26.

Hospital officials said both Edmonton women were in satisfactory condition.

RCMP said the crash occurred on Highway 2, an undivided four - lane section of highway known as the Calgary Trail, when a northbound vehicle swung across the centre line and crashed into the others.

The truck and one of the cars were welded together by the impact and were sitting in a blood - spattered pile astride the highway's centre line. Another car was sitting upright in the ditch beside the highway, its top ripped off. The other car involved was less seriously damaged.

One policeman said the accident was the worst he had ever seen.

RCMP and city police directed traffic around the accident. At one point, cars were backed up for about one mile on either side of the scene.

A series of accidents on the undivided four - lane highway has claimed 19 lives over the past two years.

MACINTYRE — Ruby, of Lander, B.C., suddenly on December 27, 1973, aged 80 years. Survived by 3 sons, George, McLennan, Alta., Norman, Whitecourt, Alta. and Donald, Burnaby, B.C.; 2 daughters, Dorothy, Victoria, B.C. and Ruby, Edmonton, Alta.; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren; 2 sisters and 1 brother. Memorial service will be held Monday, December 31 at 11 a.m. in The Ladner United Church. Rev. R. Morrison and Rev. J. Ferry officiating. Cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of your choice, would be appreciated. Arrangements through the Memorial Society of B.C. and First Memorial Services Ltd.