

Major Anthony COMPTON-LUNDIE

'Tony' Lundie was born on 20 February 1915 at Oakburn, Manitoba. After completing his High School education on Vancouver Island, he found employment as a merchant clerk, and in 1935 joined the 1st Bn of The Canadian Scottish in Victoria. Having moved to Duncan, he was called out on 6 Sep '39 as a Pte in the 2nd Bn (MG) and appointed L/Cpl a week later. On 25 Jan 40 he was promoted to Corporal and appointed L/Sgt the same day. He was promoted to Sergeant on 11 Jun '40 and, as a Category "A" volunteer, was transferred to the 1st Bn for overseas duty on 19 Jun 40. Having married in the meantime, he proceeded to Debert Camp, NS in Oct 40, and disembarked in Greenock, Scotland, with the unit, on 2 Sep '41.

As a highly regarded senior NCO, he was selected for return to Canada on 7 Apr '42 as a candidate for officer training, and graduated early in September as a 2nd Lieut at OTC(WC) in Victoria. By 10 Dec '42 he had qualified and been appointed Lieutenant (Infantry) at A.16 in Calgary, Alta, and arrived back in UK on 18 Dec '42. On 16 Jan '43 he rejoined the 1st Bn and was appointed 21C of the newly-formed Anti-Tank Platoon of Support Coy. In this role he landed in Normandy on D Day, and was promoted Captain and OC A-Tk Platoon on 6 Nov 44. On 6 Feb 45 he briefly became Adjutant, until appointed to command 'D' Coy in the acting rank of Major, on 10 Feb 45. He saw service at Moyland Wood, at Emmerich and Deventer after crossing the Rhine, and was Mentioned in Dispatches for gallantry and distinguished service. Tragically, he was killed by enemy action at Wagenborgen (NL) on 21 Apr '45 while rallying his company under heavy artillery fire. His grave is grave 14, Row G, Plot 111 in the Canadian Military Cemetery at Holten, east of Deventer. His service decorations include the 1939-45 Star, France-Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Voluntary Service Medal with Clasp, War Medal 1945, and a Mention in Dispatches.