Gunner Lorne MARKOSKIE

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Lorne Markoskie was born in Hyas, Saskatchewan. His mother was Mary. Mary and Lorne lived on a farm near Hyas with his grandparents and several aunts and uncles. Lorne's mother later married and moved to Winnipeg. Apparently Mary's new husband was not interested in including Lorne in the family, so he was left to live on the farm with the rest of his family. His oldest Uncle Nick and his wife Tillie had no children of their own, so they raised their nephew Lorne like he was their son.

When the war started, Lorne was keen to join the army. Like many other Young men at the time he saw it as an opportunity for a good paying job, as well as a chance to get off the farm and see some of the world. Lorne had an uncle Melvin who wasn't too much older then him. Unlike Lorne however, Melvin did not want to go to was so he protected himself being drafted by getting a job in an Ontario mine. Ironically, Melvin, along with several other men from that area in Saskatchewan, died in an elevator accident shortly after he began working there. Nick and Tillie were very saddened of course with the loss of young Melvin in the mine accident. Then to learn later that Lorne had died overseas was another devastating blow to them and the rest of the family.

Lorne apparently died, while crossing a river in Germany on a large floating bridge. He ended up in the water,

pushed or fell and drowned. This accident happened on 10 January 1946. Lorne was 20 years old and served with the Royal Canadian Artillery, 2/3 Anti-Tank Regiment.

The name in the records of the CWGC is written as Markoskie, so on his gravestone too. But the family who sent this story write the name as Markowski.