Pte Seth Everett Murray



Seth was born May 24, 1922 in Riverdale near Minnedosa, Manitoba to Oliver George and Margaret Janet Murray of Toronto. They were married on December 29, 1915 in Toronto. Seth had three brothers, Orval Horner also served in the Canadian Army and a sister, Margaret Rachel Letitia.

Seth left school at 15 to go to work, he was a fruit farm laborer and at the time of his enlisting he worked in road construction for the City of East York, Toronto. His hobbies were handball and baseball. Seth E. Murray was a member of the Baptist Church.

Seth served with the 102nd Cst Bty Reg from September 19, 1942 to October 1942. RCA of the N.R.M.A. there he also completed part of his army training. In August 1943 Seth enlisted in Toronto to enlist in the Army. When applying, Seth said that he would like to work in fruit growing again after his military service. He then went overseas to the UK on 17 January 1945. The following month, Seth was assigned to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Regiment and deployed in the liberation of Northwest Europe.

Seth was killed on Monday, April 9, 1945 at the age of 22 during the battle for Haarle in Overijssel. He was temporarily buried in Haarle and then reburied on February 4, 1946 in Holten.

His regiment's other fallen men were Pte Allan H. Rathwell, age 21 yrs, in grave 3-D-10, Pte Logan E. Leslie, age 19 yrs, in grave 3-D-8, L/Sgt John S McCombie, age 24 yrs in grave 3-D-7 and Pte Joseph D. Comeau, age 21 yrs in grave 3-D-9. A total of 10 Canadian liberators were killed in the battle for Haarle.

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star; War Medal 1939-45.

His mother was awarded The Memorial Cross on May 18, 1945.

He is mentioned on the monument in Haarle together with the other 9 fallen Canadian soldiers..

