

Private Kenneth Orville O'MEARA

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Kenny O'Meara was the son of Joseph and Charlotte O'Meara, born on September 2, 1917. The family lived in Carlton Place in a region the "Happy Valley" is. Probably the name from the many distilleries that were housed there. Ken was the third of four sons. Robert James and William Benjamin who were older and Harold Wilber, who a few years younger. William also signed for the army. With three brothers living in Happy Valley was Ken a real fighter. His frail figure spent a lot of guys on the wrong idea that they could take him to tackle. Most were amazed at his strength. Ken was a mediocre student. He missed a lot of school because he had to work at home on the farm. He learned not really a profession. He took all the work on what he could get. Ken worked at a butcher, was a truck driver and deliveryman messages.

On June 26, 1936, Ken took service in the Lanark and Renfrew Scottish Militia. Ken participated in the training and was deployed as guard carpet at the Central Lake Internment at Petawa. In June 1940 he was transferred to the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. When Ken went into service and

one son was employed, mother put a regiment flag in the window of the house. In the two maple leaf flag, one for each son. On July 17, 1940 Ken in England. On March 25, 1944 Ken went to the front in Italy. He was promoted to lance corporal. The regiment was moved from Italy to the liberation of the Netherlands. On April 9, 1945 the Regiment reached Zutphen. After the liberation of Zutphen the regiment went to Apeldoorn. On April 13, 1945 Ken was killed in Teuge.

