



Laurence Vincent Perry was born on February 14, 1909 in Vinton, Quebec. He was the son of Elizabeth and Joseph Perry. The family had more children: Laurence had an older brother and 5 sisters. The eldest brother William worked on a farm. His father was a forester. They lived in Davidson, Quebec.

Laurence went to a public school, but started working at the age of 14. He worked in the Noranda nickel mine, at a lumber company and elsewhere (I. R. Booth Co.)

Laurence was Roman Catholic, spoke French and English. He enjoyed hunting, basketball, watching movies, playing cards and reading: he enjoyed reading westerns.

On March 7, 1941 he enlisted in the Canadian army. He was already 32 years old at the time. His age and an old knee injury raised doubts about his ability to continue infantry training. But he was admitted anyway: Laurence joined the Algonquin Regiment.

In February 1944 he proved unsuitable for the paratroopers. 3 months later he was approved for "overseas". He landed in France on October 14, 1944.

Six months later, on April 7, 1945, Laurence died in the battle near Wierden. He was temporarily buried in the cemetery there. Later his body was transferred to the Canadian Military Cemetery in Holten. In June 1948 his mother received news about this.

The text on Laurence Vincent Perry's grave reads:

"What greater love hath any man than he who gave his life for his country".

The grave was adopted by someone from Harderwijk, who wrote a letter to the Director of National Defense in Ottawa in March 1948, requesting that his/her details be forwarded to the relatives of Laurence, "who died for peace".

Laurence Vincent Perry was awarded the following medals:

the 1939-45 Star; the France & Germany Star (in November 1949); the Defense Medal; the War Medal and the CVSM with clasp.

