

## Sgt David Porter Preston

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David was born on April 9 1920 in Maple Creek Saskatchewan as the son of John Roy (deceased in 1943) and Maude Carrie Preston (American and deceased in 1937) of Maple Creek. They were married on December 20 1911 in Great Falls Montana USA. He was married on January 5 1939 in Rowletta Saskatchewan with Ruth Favilla Wilson of Maple Creek and they had a daughter Evelyn Maude (1940). His brother was Trooper Lee Irwin Preston, 1st Hussars, who was killed in action on June 11 1944 age 33. He is buried at the Beny S/Mer Canadian War Cemetery in France grave 3-D-10. His other brother Edward Lauren Preston already died in 1924 and his sister was Helen Louise Preston.

He was a farmer and member of the United Church of Canada.

He enlisted on June 17 1940 in Swift Current Saskatchewan and he went on August 25 1941 overseas to the UK and he went thereafter on June 6 1944 to Normandy for the D-Day landing. He was wounded on October 6.

David was killed in action on Monday April 30 1945 age 25 during the battle of Leer Germany and he was temporarily buried in Ihrhove Germany and on March 12 1946 reburied in Holten.

At his headstone: GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS

His medals were: 1939-45 Star. France Germany Star; Defence Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp

Preston Lake in Saskatchewan is called after him and Lee Irwin Preston will also be commemorated in the name of this lake by the Province.

He served with the Royal Regina Rifles Regiment.

