

Pte Amil Adolph Larson

9-B-7



Amil was born on March 14, 1919 in Pollockville, Alberta to Oscar and Hannah Larson of Kingman Alberta. They were married on January 26, 1917 in Bassano Alberta. His brother was Carl Larson and his sisters were Mrs. Helen Rindahl and Annie Tollefson nee Larson.

He was a farmer and a member of the Lutheran Church and spoke English and Swedish.

Amil enlisted in Calgary on 19 June 1941 and then went overseas to the UK on 10 January 1945. He then went to NW Europe on March 24.

Amil was killed in action on Thursday 26 April 1945 at the age of 26, during the battle for the hamlet Gröppenbüren, part of the municipality of Ganderkesee, Niedersachsen, (D). He was then temporarily buried at the Caspari Barracks in Delmenhorst (D). On March 14, 1946 he was reburied in Holten. The other fallen soldiers of this battle and regiment and also temporarily buried at the Caspari Baracks in Delmenhorst were: Lt Edwin O. Copas, age 24 yrs. in grave 9-B-6, Pte Jacob G. Enns, age 26 yrs. in grave 10-B-6, Pte Alfred D. Gorzitza, age 21 yrs in grave 9-B-8, Sgt John P. Stirling, age 22 yrs in grave 9-B-15 and L/Sgt William H. Webb, age 24 yrs. in grave 9-B-3.

His grave was adopted after the war, together with Lt Edwin Copas and Pte Alfred Gorzitza, by the Metzger family from Holten, owners of a hotel near the cemetery.

On his gravestone: IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEARLY BELOVED SON

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

He served with the Calgary Highlanders.

