

## Guardsman Herbert Murray Rafuse

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Herbert was born on December 10 1922 in Martin's Point, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, the son of Herbert Rafuse and Jennie Rafuse nee Isnor of Martin's Point. They were married in September 1919 in Martin's Point. His brothers were Granville and Herman Rafuse and the twins Loyd and Lawrence Rafuse. His sisters were Marie, Hilda and Ella Rafuse.

He was a farmer and member of the Church of England.

He enlisted on June 11 1940 the Halifax Rifles in Halifax Nova Scotia for 22 months and he went on June 24 1943 thereafter overseas to the UK. He went on July 22 1944 afterwards to France. He was involved with the further advance of his regiment through NW Europe. He was granted on April 12 1945 privilege leave to the UK.

Herbert died of serious wounds on Friday July 6 1945 age 22 in a Canadian hospital in Almelo due to a truck accident while crossing a street by foot in Hengelo (Overijssel) while a truck passed by. He was according to the army court not guilty of improper conduct or negligence. He was temporarily buried then in Almelo before being reburied on February 4 1946 in Holten.

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

He was awarded on January 20 1944 the Good Conduct Badge.

His mother was awarded on July 30 1945 the Memorial Cross.

He served with the Canadian Grenadier Guards.

