

Pte Roslyn Ernest Sands

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Roslyn was born on December 24 1918 on Walpole Island (Indian Reserve) in Ontario, the son of Joseph (deceased in 1937) and Carrie Sands nee Nahdee of Wallaceburg Ontario. They were married on May 13 1913 on Walpole Island. His mother remarried later as Mrs. Markham and his brothers were Claude, Clayton, Joseph, Alfred and Harold Sands and his sisters were Sarah and Josephine Sands.

He was a labourer/plumber and member of the Church of England. He was a First Nation of the Chippewa-Pottawatomie band and he spoke English and the Chippewa language.

He served from October 10 1940. with the Kent Regiment of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada and he enlisted on July 18 1941 then the army in London Ontario and he went on October 7 1942 thereafter overseas to the UK. He landed on July 5 1944 then in France and he was involved with the further advance of his regiment through NW Europe. He gets on report a couple of times during his training due to illegal absence and leaving his post before the relieve.

He was killed in action on Saturday April 14 1945 age 26 during the battle of Groningen. He was temporarily buried then in Eelderwolde before being reburied on February 14 1946 in Holten.

On his headstone: HE IS NOT DEAD WHO GAVE HIS LIFE TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

His grave was adopted after the war by Mr. G. Reijnen of Deventer.

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

His mother was awarded on June 1 1945 The Memorial Bar.

He served with the Essex Scottish Regiment.

