

Lieutenant Richard Booth SAVAGE

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Richard Savage was born in Fredericton in New Brunswick. He was the eldest son of Temple and Grace Savage. He was the first of 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. He enlisted in the Carlton & York Regiment in Fredericton at the beginning of the hostilities in 1939. He married at this time his wife Thelma before he left to England. He enlisted as a private. As the war progressed he was promoted to Corporal then Sergeant and while he was in Italy he was sent back to Canada (Vernon, BC) for officer training. He succeeded to Lieutenant at the end of his training and went home on leave before returning to Italy. While on leave his wife became pregnant and 9 months later they got a son Richard. On his return to Europe he resumed his service with the CYR as a platoon Commander. The CYR moved in the final concentration near the village of Eefde, near Zutphen during the morning of 12 April 1945, where it was placed on a half hours notice to move. The tactical Recce Regiment crossed the River IJssel into the bridgehead at 1.30 PM and the Battalion was ordered across at 2.30 PM, to relieve the Seaforth Highlanders. At 10.30 AM it was decided that the moment had come and received the order to advance. On the CYR front D coy was lead off towards it's first objective: the village of Posterenk. The battalion now had the support of a troop of anti tank guns, a troop of tanks, a platoon of machine guns and a platoon with mortars. D Coy pushed off at 10,50 AM,

while the West Nova Scotia's on its left started 10 minutes later. Contrary to expectations D Coy met with stiff resistance and suffered several casualties from small arm fires, including Lieutenant Savage, commanding 17 Platoon, who was killed on 13 April 1945. Richard Booth Savage was 27 years old.

