Sapper John Serada

03 - C - 16

Sapper John Serada died on April 10, 1945 at the age of 22. He was the son of Peter and Anne Serada from Winnipeg.

According to Nestor, his youngest brother, in 2001:

My brother John was the oldest of four children. We lived in a small, rural community-Tolstoi, just outside of Winnipeg. I was very young when John left home. I recall that, when my brother joined the army, my mother wasn't very happy, because he was not of age to enlist. I didn't see much of John, but I was thankfull that we had a family-reunion in May 1942, just before John was sent overseas. That was the last time our family was together. John was a member of the Royal Canadian Engineers. It was close to the end of the war, only two months, when his division was hit by enemy gunfire, while closing in on a farm. John was wounded and later died as a result of his injuries. He was so close to coming home to us alive and well. For his dediacted service to his country, we are sad but proud of his ultimate sacrifice. Serada Lake, north of Kississing Lake, was named after him in 1995.