

L/Cpl Arthur Sinfield

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Arthur's father Frank Sinfield emigrated to Ontario, Canada in 1912. His mother Florence Elisabeth Maivon arrived in Canada on another ship in the same year. In their new country they became a couple and married in 1914 in Cornwall, Ontario. A year later, Frank enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and was sent to Europe by troopship in 1916 to serve in the battle in WW I. Florence followed him to Europe and the couple settled down after Frank's return from the war, in London. In

1921, Frank and Florence traveled again to Ontario with their 4-year-old daughter, 2-year-old son and baby Arthur, just six months old, to settle there for good. They returned to live in Cornwall. The Sinfield family was expanded with a daughter and a son. They were members of the United Church of England.

Arthur went to school in Cornwall until he was 13, he spoke English and French. The first 6 years after that he had different jobs. From 1939 he worked at the paper mill of Howard Smith Paper Co, also in Cornwall. On June 11, 1941, Arthur married Lorette Champagne of Winsor, Ontario. Not long after, on October 17, Arthur enlisted in the army in Ottawa. During the military inspection he lists swimming, hockey and lacrosse as sports. He received his first military training in Cornwall, and in January 1942 he moved to Camp Borden, Ontario, where he was promoted to Lance Corporal. Arthur was then sent by boat to the United Kingdom on May 2, 1942. His military training continued there until October 26, 1943, when he went to Italy as part of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. In Italy the fighting is fierce, slowly but persistently the Allied troops drive the Nazi units to the North. In early 1945, the Allied advance in Western Europe was in urgent need of reinforcement. Many troops are moved from Italy via Marseille to Western Europe, including Arthur. On February 19 he arrives in France and then joins the battle in the Rhineland offensive. This was followed in April 1945 by the advance through eastern Netherlands and a part of northwestern Germany. After the Nazi surrender, Canadian troops remain in our country for a while, waiting for their repatriation home to Canada. On Thursday, May 24, 1945, Arthur rides his Harley Davidson motorcycle on the road from Goor to Delden. He has to brake for a military vehicle that wants to turn. Due to a technical inconvenience, the chain of his motorcycle blocked, causing him to fall, causing serious injuries. He was seriously injured and taken to the military hospital in Almelo, but died of his injuries the same day. Arthur is temporarily buried

in Almelo and reburied on February 4, 1946 at the Canadian Cemetery in Holten.

His medals are: 1939-45 Star; Italy Star; France Germany Star; Defense Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

His widow and mother were awarded The Memorial Bar on June 28, 1945 and July 6, 1945 respectively.

