

Private Emile Joseph SOENS

Pte Soens was born on 31 October 1920 at Dauphin, Manitoba, and was working as a truck driver in the Kamloops area of BC when he volunteered for active duty and was assigned to The Canadian Scottish Regiment in Victoria.

He served with the unit in Canada and arrived with it in the UK on 2 September 1941.

His training and service continued in the battalion during 1942-1944, and he landed in Normandy on 6 June 1944 as a member of Support Company, in the Carrier Platoon.

As a member of the flame-thrower section of that platoon, he was killed by enemy action on 21 April 1945 in the first attack for the liberation of Wagenborgen. He may also have been there because he had some fluency in the Dutch language.

His decorations include:

1939-45 Star, France-Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Voluntary Service Medal and Clasp, and War Medal 1945,