



PTE. ARTHUR SUMMERS, 19,

Arthur Summers was born on December 29, 1925 in Montreal, Quebec. He grew up with his father Russel, mother Pansy Grace and his older brother R.R. Summers (name unknown). Together with his parents and his older brother he was connected to the Presbyterian religion and church. During his teenage years, Arthur studies 2 years at William Dawes High School, and 7 years at a public school. After he finished studying Arthur finds work as a stereotype at "The Montreal Daily Star Publication", he worked at this place for 2 weeks.

Arthur was 18 years old when he joined the army on August 7, 1944, where after on August 8, 1944 his career in the army started and he joined the "Black Watch Regiment".

His service started in Canada, where he served until January 31, 1945. After that, he left Canada to go to Great-Britain where he stayed from February 1st until April 13th

1945.

On April 14, 1945 he landed on the North-Western European site, where he served until his death on May 12, 1945

At the medical investigation before he joined the army has become known that Arthur had problems with his lungs, and had been operated on a blind gut inflammation and an hernia.

During his service Arthur was awarded with several medals, namely:

- War medal, 1939-1945
- 1939-1945 star
- France-Germany star
- CVSM & Clasp

Arthur left all his medals to his mother .

Arthur was killed by a bullet wound that had penetrated his left abdomen. The shot was fired from a gun he was discharging and cleaning at that moment, whereby the gun fired and hit Summers himself. Several witnesses have declared in front of the court martial that they heard a gunshot and immediately came to help Arthur.

However they saw a hole in his left abdomen, they couldn't see any blood coming out of the bullet wound, this was probably because of no mayor blood vessel at that place in the abdomen, and that the body tissue immediately surrounded the bullet, whereby there were internal instead of external bleedings.

Arthur died before he reached the local medical officer.

On May 11, 1945, the day before his death, there was a big weapon inspection on unregistered (enemy) weapons. Witnesses have declared that Summers didn't have any foreign weapon in his possession.

Arthur died on May 12, 1945 from his injuries (for suspect in Bremerhaven, Germany). His temporary burial was the Civil Cemetery at Stallham Germany. After his death, his body was reassigned to the Canadian War Cemetery in Holten, the Netherlands. He left all that was in his possession to his mother, Pansy Grace. His possessions he was carrying at the moment of his death were:

- A camera
- A lighter
- A pack of cigarettes in a metal box
- A bracelet
- A pen
- Two photographs
- A couple of souvenirs he brought with him from the battlefield.

You can find Arthur Summers' grave at: plot 4 – row F – Grave 2