



Trooper Cecil Edward SWITZER

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Trooper Cecil E. Switzer of Fisher Branch, Manitoba, 12th Manitoba Dragoons, was killed at the age of 23 on April 21, 1945.

He was the son of William W. and Margaret A. Switzer from Fisher Branch.

His sister Dorothy recalls on November 27, 2001:

Cecil was born in 1912 on his Dad's homestead where he resided until joining the army in 1941. He was the fourth child in a family of six siblings. He liked to hunt and trap, played baseball in the summer and hockey in the winter with his many friends and family.

He was a very thoughtful and loving son and brother.

Cecil loved tormenting and teasing his sisters. He farmed with his Dad and brother and had a great affection for horses. Cecil joined the army and was sent to the West-Coast for almost a year training. He returned home for a short time, then off to the East-Coast in 1942 – his last visit home. From there, he was sent to England guarding the coast for a year, then to the front Lines where he was wounded.

Back to London to hospital as he was convalescing there, he contracted diphtheria and remained in hospital for almost a year. While there, he met the love of his life, a CWAC from a town close to his home in Fisherton. They were engaged, before he was once again sent to the

front Lines where an explosion killed him when lighting a petrol stove in 1945.

Switzer Lake, south of Caribou River was named after him in 1974.

