

## **Trooper Stewart Lyon Anderson**

**10-C-6**

Stewart was born on November 22 1919 as the son of William M. and Isabella Anderson, of Bagot, Manitoba

His profession was a farmer and religion: United Church.

He enlisted the 12th Manitoba Dragoons 18 Car Regt on June 24 1941. That was an armoured Reconnaissance Regiment equipped with the 'Staghounds' armoured cars and a variety of scout cars mainly the Ford Lynx. This Staghound weighed 14 ton, had a five man crew and was armed with a 37 mm cannon as well as two .30 machine guns.

He was a member of 17th troop, D squadron. Each troop was made up of two Staghounds and two Scout cars. Sgt Balfour was the troop sergeant and the crew commander of one of the Staghounds

On April 19th, 1945 the Regiment were operating in an area near the Küstenkanal (Germany). Sgt Balfour 10-C-10 along with his crew, the troopers S. Anderson, P. Devine, 10-C-7, M. Hamilton 10-C-11 and W. Morris 9-C-15 set out to do a routine patrol.

Their Staghound ran over a Marine mine consisting of 500 pounds of explosives. The Staghound was flung over and the turret was sent flying, landing 100 feet away. The mine left a huge crater in the road. The five men were presumed to have been killed instantly. He was just 25 years old. He was temporarily buried in Esterwegen (Germany).

They lay all together after the reburial in the same row at the Canadian Cemetery in Holten.

