

## Pte John Tuckey

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John was the son of John and Elizabeth Tuckey, age 37; husband of Madeline Tuckey (nee Gladman), of Ramsayville, Ontario. They had eight children (4 boys and four girls). He never saw the youngest girl who was born after he was overseas. In 1931 he worked as a farmer with the dream of owning his own farm. He was a Welsh immigrant at age 17. In 1942 his half-brother Ted Williams was killed aboard the Royal Navy Aircraft Carrier *Illustrious* (age 22).

John thinking of the war in his homeland and the loss of his brother decided to do his part and enlisted with the Cameron's. In 1943 he arrived in England. That year he was able to spend Christmas with his mother and family in

Wales. The Canadian Army seeing a man of his age with a large family tried to keep him as safe as they could. John was transferred to the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Division HQ. He arrived in France in July 1944. He served with the RCIS HQ ending up in Holland. On April 15 1945 he was killed in action. Due the confusion of the times he was reported missing in action, probably POW. Approximately two weeks after the war was over his body was found and in due course the family was notified. It was a great chock for the family as the thought 'Daddy was coming home'. Instead Madeline signed for the Government as his widow on what would have been their 14th wedding anniversary. John Tucker was a sensitive man and longed for wars and returned to his family. He wrote many letters home and often expressed his thoughts in poetry. He was temporarily buried in Felderwolde.



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