



Private John William Twining 09-B-11

John William Twining, son of Mrs. Lena Twining from Preston, was killed on April 30, 1945 on the western front, probably in Germany. This tragic news was received by his mother in a telegram from the Director of Records. She got the telegram after V-day, just as family members made plans for the return of William John. He was 37 years old.

Born in Wroughton, England, on April 17, 1908, he went to school in Nova Scotia and worked at Clare Bros. in Preston, before he joined the army. He came up with The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals in Europe and was wounded during a combat in Italy by grenade shrapnel. He recovered in a hospital in England and returned with The Essex Scottish Regiment to the western front.

He was a member of the Anglican Church in St. John Preston. He had a brother Arthur and four sisters. John William Twining was the 26th resident of Preston who was killed in the war.

