



Ralph was born July 10, 1923, in Valparaiso, Saskatchewan, Canada; a small but busy farming community, to John Ernest (a native from Neepa, Man.) and Hilda May Tyerman.

John was born in 1896 in Ontario, Canada, and was raised in Manitoba. He served with the Canadian Forces during the First World War with the 226 Battery of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1918, first in combat and then after recovering from injuries, as a stretcher bearer. Ralph's mother, Hilda May Evason was born in 1896 in England, immigrated to Canada in 1911, married John Tyerman in 1921.

They raised five children on the family farm north of Valparaiso. Arthur (1922), Ralph (1923), Lawrence (1925), Raymond (1927) and Audrey (1933). As a youngster, Ralph loved baseball, skating, hockey,

animals (particularly horses) and tinkering in the shop, fixing things with his dad and brothers. He also loved labouring in the fields, working the land, growing and harvesting the crops. Ralph was very quiet and shy but had many friends.

Many evenings after the brothers finished their chores, they would grab their skates and hockey sticks in the winter, or ball, bats and gloves in the summer and walk over a mile into town to play with their friends on a pick up team. They were a tight knit family of four brothers. Little sister Audrey was so much younger that she was often left out.

Ralph attained his Grade 10 at Valparaiso School, then headed out to work as a labourer on a nearby farm at age 16. The family attended the United Church.

Ralph and Arthur enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces on October 23, 1942. Ralph's love of horses led him to purchase a team of Clydesdale horses before heading off to War with the understanding that they would be looked after by Dad and Raymond while he was serving overseas, to be reclaimed on his return. Price and King remained on the family farm for many years.

Ralph and Arthur took their training with the South Saskatchewan Regiment in Regina, Sask., then in Red Deer, Calgary and Camrose, Alberta before being stationed overseas in June of 1943. By this time, Lawrence had enlisted and served with the Canadian army in Canada. Raymond was too young to enlist and was needed on the farm to help with the growing and harvesting of crops.

The brothers were attached to the Lake Superior Regiment, Motor Division, Company C and were in Normandy soon after D-Day.

Corporal Ralph Tyerman was wounded at Caen, France. He rejoined his regiment and fought in France, Belgium and Holland. He was killed on February 11, 1945, at the age of 21. He had returned to base camp after regular duty, and volunteered for a night mission fighting near Gorinchem, Holland. He met his demise when the unit crossed over a bridge near the Meuse river into a field and he stepped on a land mine. He paid the ultimate price for King and Country.

Ralph was greatly missed by his family and friends in Canada after his death, and as well by a young Scottish lady whom he had met and become engaged to while overseas.

The Saskatchewan Government honoured its war casualties by naming a lake, bay or river for their sacrifice. Tyerman Lake is located Northwest of Creighton in northern Saskatchewan. The family placed a plaque at the foot of his parents gravestone in Tisdale, Saskatchewan, to honour his life.

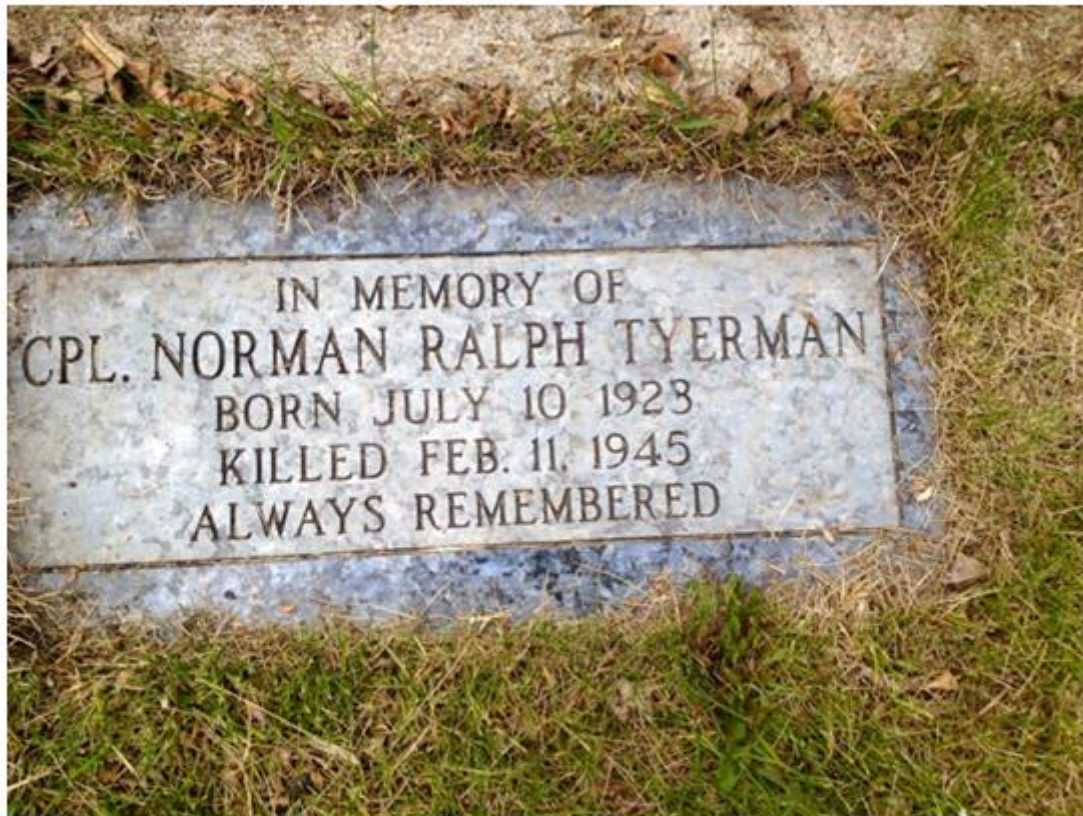
Stories are all we have to remember our dear family member who gave his life so others could have their freedom.

We are so proud of him!

Written and submitted by his niece Barbara (Tyerman) Davis, daughter of Raymond with recollections from his sister Audrey.



**Norman Tyerman temporary grave in Holland**



**Plaque near grave parents Norman Tyerman**