



Private George Sydney WAKELY

Pte. George Sydeny Wakely was the son of Sidney and Mabel Wakely and husband of Ida Wakely of Port Hope, Ontario.

He went overseas with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders and fought his way through Western Europe. On April 27th, 1945, the Glens moved into Northern Germany for the last big operation of the war.

Tactical units were set up at Bingum, just across the River Ems from the city of Leer, which was strongly in German hands. Machine gun nests lined the river banks. Two companies were to assault across the river from west to east and establish themselves on the dyke. Artillery was to pound the dyke and town and lay down smoke along the dyke. Two other companies of the Glens were to follow the attacking two companies and move on to Leer. Engineers were to take the troops across in assault boats.

In this battle that was going on April 28th 1945, George Sydney Wakely was wounded and died due to loss of blood.

19 Fatal casualties during the operation included: Cpl John Sawatsky (plot 11-row D-grave14), L/Cpl Merle Coleman Moore (plot 11-row D-grave 7), L/Cpl James Edward

Sullivan (plot 11-row D-grave 16) Private Frank Joseph Biernaski (plot 12-row D-grave 4), Private Walter James Brooks (plot 11-row-D-grave 3), Private Leonard J. Brough (plot 12-row D-grave 6), Private Steven John Gravelle (plot 11-row D-grave 5), Private Joseph Gerard Hinds (plot 12-row D-grave 5), Private Joseph Leo Klenz (plot 9-row H-grave 3), Private Ira C. Langille (plot 11-row D-grave 6), Private Cecil Albert Lawes (plot 11-row D-grave 13), Private Frank Eugene Munroe (plot 11-row D-grave 9), Private Sydney Alexander Oslund (plot 11-row D-grave 10), Private Samual Donald Powell (plot 12-row D-grave 3) Private Edgar Douglas Smith (plot 8-row E-grave 2), Private Francis Wilber Spencer (plot 11-row D-grave 4), Private Jack A. Steward (plot 12-row D-grave 1), Private Roy Ivanson Thackeray (plot 7-row F-grave 11) and George Sydney Wakely.

They all are buried in Holten