



## **Corporal Robert Noble WATT**

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Robert (Bob) N. Watt, youngest son of Robert Noble and Marguerita Veitch Watt from Westmount Quebec has been killed in action on 9 April 1945 at the age of 21. Bob was one of the best known among the younger athletes in Montreal and was born on 12 June 1923. He was educated at Westmount High school where he soon showed aptitude at athletics and particularly at tennis. On leaving Westmount Highschool he went to McGill and was in his third year at Commerce when he volunteered for service and in February 1942 was selected by the University to take the instructor course at Brockville, Ontario, from which he graduated. Shortly afterwards he was promoted to sergeant but in April 1944, he reverted to the rank of private in order to serve overseas. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in June 1944 when he left Canada and was posted to The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. Within a few weeks of going into action he was hospitalized for three weeks with wounds and after discharge was assigned as prisoner of war duty until in January 1945 when he spent another five weeks in hospital. Early in March 1945 he returned to his unit with which he served until he was killed on 9 April 1945 near Deventer, The Netherlands. While at McGill he was actively identified with the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. In athletics he was well known for his powerful

tennis. Among his many successes he was boys' champion of Quebec and runner up in the Canadian Junior Championship. Rated as the youngest member of Canada's tennis family, the then 17 years old Watt piled up a score of 3-0 against Bob Finlay and retain the Quebec men's single title on 1 September 1940.