

Wilkins, John Albert

Lance Corporal

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John was born on February 8 1923 in Toronto, the son of John William Wilkins and Matilda W. Wilkins (both English) of Scarboro' Junction, Ontario. They were married in England. His brothers were Robert C. (R.C.N.V.R. overseas), Edward G., Alexander T. and George W. Wilkins and his sister was Mrs. Ruth E. Myles.

He was a truck driver and member of the United Church of Canada. He only attended The Public School.

He enlisted on December 12 1942 in Toronto and he went on September 20 1943 thereafter overseas to Gourock Scotland and he went on July 30 1944 then to France. He participated after the arrival then in the NW Europe with his regiment for a time in some fierce fights and battles during the advance of his regiment through NW Europe.

John was killed in action on Tuesday April 24 1945 age 22 during the battle of Friesoythe in North Germany. He was temporarily buried then in Friesoythe before being reburied on March 9 1946 in Holten.

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star; Defence Medal; War Medal 1939-45; CVSM & Clasp

On his headstone: GOD CALLED HIM HOME IT WAS HIS WILL BUT IN OUR HEARTS WE LOVE HIM STILL

His mother was awarded on June 6 1945 The Memorial Bar.

He served with The Lincoln & Welland Regiment.

