

Young, Kenneth Wilbard Private

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Kenneth Wilbard was born on August 14, 1921 as a son into large Young family. They were members of the Baptist Church. His parents were Thomas and Harriet Annie Young and his brothers were Roy, William and Marley. There were also 5 daughters in the family; Mrs. Isobel (Victor) Track, Mrs. Clara Rovell, Mrs. Mabel Yes, Mrs. Doris Lamb and Mrs. Marjorie Loverey

Kenneth attended the High School until the fifth grade. He then started working as a coremaker in the Fahlralloy Canada Ltd company in Orillia.

He enlisted in the Canadian army quite late in the war. He signed up in Toronto on March 22, 1944. After several months of general military training, he went overseas to the United Kingdom on November 26, 1944.

He was soon transferred to the front in Italy on January 23, 1945. But that placement turned out to be short-lived because just a week later he was put on transport for the crossing to France. He took part in the advance and fierce fighting of his regiment through Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

Kenneth Wilbard Young died on Wednesday, May 2, 1945, at the age of 23 during the battle for Edeweicht in northern Germany, just a few days before May 8, 1945, the unconditional surrender of the German army in Europe. He was then temporarily buried in Osterscheps in northern Germany before being reburied in Holten on March 8, 1946.

On his headstone it says: NOT JUST TODAY BUT EVERY DAY IN SILENCE WE REMEMBER. MOTHER, DAD AND FAMILY

His grave was adopted after the war by M.H.M. Volkers from Bathmen.

He was awarded with: 1939-45 Star; Italy Star; France-Germany Star; War Medal 1939-45; CVSM & Clasp.

His mother was awarded The Memorial Bar and also The Memorial Cross on June 9, 1945.

His name is on The Memorial WW 2 in Orillia.

He served with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's).

