

Cameron, Robert
Private
Queen's Own Cameron
Highlanders of Canada
Royal Canadian Infantry Corps
H3814



Robert Cameron was born as the son of Duncan and Jessie Cameron, on the 5th of June 1910 in Flambeau, Wisconsin, United States of America. His father was Scottish by birth and his mother was English. He was the youngest child of the family and had three sisters, Olive, Connie and Fay, and one brother called Ewan.

Robert went to school until he was sixteen and completed his education with good results. After school he had several jobs in road construction and as a cheesemaker among other jobs. After this he also worked for numerous years as a clerk at a post office.

Robert loved hunting and he played baseball as a 'catcher'. Top of right index finger was amputated.

His father passed away on the 23rd of March 1941 and his mother passed away not long afterwards, on the 9th of February 1942.

In early 1940 Robert left for Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and temporarily stays in a hotel there. From there Robert enlisted in the Canadian Army on the 6th of April 1940. He was trained until the 6th of February 1941 in Camp Borden, Ontario. Afterwards he was classified with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. Robert then took several other trainings to get a better position in the Canadian Army.

He asked to be transferred to active service in Canada or the American Army, because he thought he should be taking a more active part in the war.

Because of this he was classified to the Infantry Regiment and later by recommendation of the Infantry Regiment he joined the 2nd Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit.

After this switch of Regiments, Robert left for England to finish his training and join The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada on the 7th of February 1941.

On the 7th of July 1944 Robert left England for Europe's mainland and returned to England on the 28th of August.

On the 25th of November he travels to Europe once again. There, on the 20th of December 1944, he was so severely injured during a battle that he died of this injury.

Robert Cameron was initially buried at the Jonkerbos Cemetery in Nijmegen and was later reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek, grave reference **IV. C. 12.**

His medals:

- 1939-45 France & Germany Star
- Defence Medal
- War Medal
- CVSM & Clasp

Text on headstone:

A brave Canadian soldier
A loyal citizen of the U.S.A.
Rest in Pace



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In 1995, Cameron Peninsula (53 L / 2) in Island Lake was named after Robert Cameron as part of the "Manitoba's war dead commemorated in its Geography" project.

In June 1945, Robert's sister Olive asks the Canadian government if her brother's body can come to America, they want to pay for it. But this request was rejected.

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Director of Records
A. G. Brennan
JUN 3 1945
Nat. Defence Hqr
Ottawa, Canada

Ladysmith, Wis
June 30, 1945.
LD-2-6-48-

Dept. of National Defence
Ottawa, Canada 405-C-7605

Gentlemen:

I wish to inquire if it would be possible to bring the body of my brother H3814 Private Robert Cameron, back to the United States for burial if we would pay the expenses ourselves. In asking this information I quote no. H. Q. 405-C-7605 D.R. 2(D)

If it is possible to bring my brother back, please tell me what the cost would be and also how I would go about making arrangements to do so.

Very truly yours,
Mrs Olive Root
Ladysmith, Wis
R. F. D. 2. U. S. A.

OTTAWA, 23 July 1945.

Dear Madam:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30th June 1945 in which you enquire concerning the possibility of returning your late brother's body to the United States.

I am deeply conscious of the importance of this subject to yourself and members of his family. Since the termination of hostilities in the European theatre of war, careful consideration has been given to the subject of returning the bodies of those who lost their lives while serving overseas. It has been decided that, in accordance with the policy followed after the first Great War, no remains may be returned from overseas for re-interment, but all will be removed to permanent cemeteries, the sites of which are being selected by the Imperial War Graves Commission who will also be responsible for their beautification and perpetual care.

Your desire to have the body of your late brother returned from overseas is fully understood. Many such requests are received, however, and you will understand the difficulties which would ensue if exceptions were to be made. It is very much regretted, therefore, that it is not possible to accede to your request. I trust that you will take consolation from the fact that those who gave their lives are resting together in a carefully selected and well cared for site.

Yours very truly,

H.D.
Deputy Minister
Army

W. Mahon. Maj.
for Dep. Adm.

Mrs. Olive Root,
Lagysmith R.F.D.2,
Wisconsin.

GM:HTM.