

Painter, Herbert Frederick

Private

Essex Scottish Regiment

Royal Canadian Infantry Corps

L 61816



Herbert Frederick was born on 19 March 1923 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada to Frederick Painter (born in 1895) and Lily Painter (born in 1898).



His father worked as a railway hostler by the time Herbert was born.

His parents got four children, three boys and a daughter.

Herbert Frederick was the eldest, second eldest son Keith Painter also joined the Canadian Navy.

The family lived in Yorkton, 148 Ontario Ave, and in 1944 Herbert's military record mentioned a move to 322 Victoria Street, Yorkton. They were members of the Church of England.

Herbert Frederick didn't enjoyed school and left when he reached his ninth grade.

He had several jobs, as an airport construction labourer at Pool Construction Co. Regina and as a labourer on a farm with farmer Wishloff in Canora. His wished to become a mechanic.

When enlisting in his medical report was written:

'Lenght 5ft 5,75inch, weight 128,5 pounds, brown eyes, dark brown hair, healthy good appearance.'

*He likes sporting, swimming, skating, teamsport baseball.
He wants to join the army because he is tired of looking for a job'.*

Herbert Frederick en listed in November 1941 and was posted to the Light Anti-Aircraft Battery Royal Canadian Artillery in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, Canada as a Gunner.

He completed his Basic Training Gun Drill also in Moosomin.

He is transferred to Sussex, New Brunswick on 9 March 9, 1942 and completed his General Training.

Before embarking to England he was given two more leave, in May 1942 he was given 13 days leave and in July 10 more days.

On 8 August 1942 he left for England and arrived on 19 August in England.

He successfully completed the Bofors Gun Training and was posted to the 8th Canadian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery on 5 November 1943. After the completion he received his badge for good conduct.

On 21 July 1944 he embarked for France with the 8th Canadian Light Anti-Aircraft. He stayed for a short while in France and on 23 October he returned to England.

Back in England he was posted to the Canadian Reception Depot and the next day to the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

During November he attended training at the Canadian Infantry Training Regiment as a Private.

On 15 December 1944 he left for France and was posted to the Essex Scottish Regiment.

This regiment set up camp in Groesbeek (near Nijmegen) and stayed here until 8 February 1945 when Operation Veritable started. During this time the regiment went on several patrols to Mook, Boxtel, Vught.

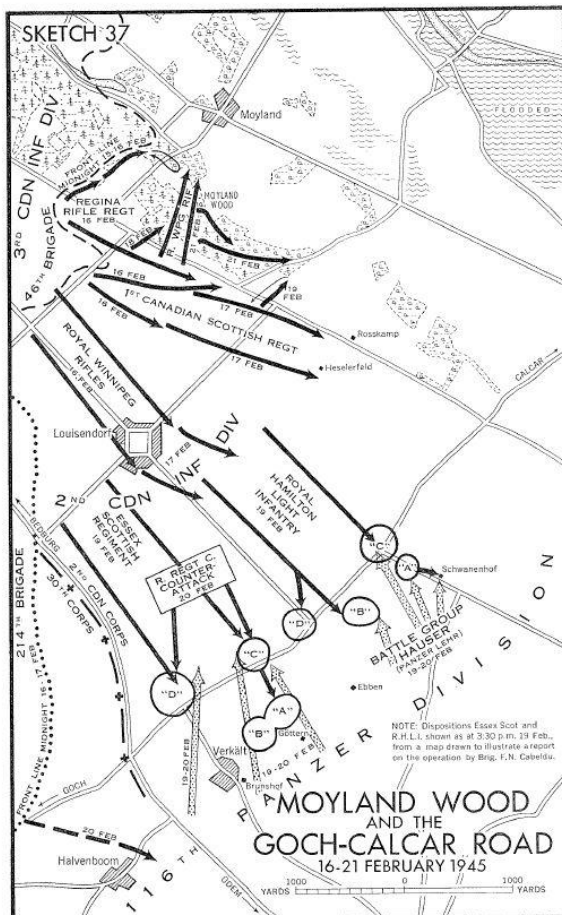


Het onderkomen van de Essex Scottish in het winters landschap rond Groesbeek.

When Operation Veritable started the Essex Scottish Regiment was stationed around Wyler and awaiting further orders.

On 14 February they were called up, they had to advance from Nijmegen via Mook-Gennep-Hekkens through the Reichswald to Cleve and Calcar and with the support of Kangaroos (tanks) they were steadily successful.

On 18 February they were around Calcar and were ordered to start the attack on Moyland.



During the night of 18 to 19 February heavenly rain started, the Essex Scottish Regiment was ordered to capture buildings in Gottern and Brunshof, the mud played tricks on the tanks and they progressed very slowly during the day.

On 19 February at 2.15 pm, the Germans launched a violent counterattack. The Essex Scottish Regiment were under heavy fire from the "Goch Kalkar" road. A fierce battle ensued, at 4.30 pm they were within 200 yard of their goal when German reinforcements. Their Pantzer Corps was doubled and at 8 p.m. the Germans launched the attack, just as the Essex Scottish Regiment was out of tanks as they were being withdrawn to be re-manned and refueled.

The Essex Scottish Regiment could not withstand this violent attack and they were overrun by the Germans beyond their Head Quarter.

Staff and survivors retreated to the basement of a farm. During the night reinforcements arrived, the counterattack was launched and they succeeded in driving the Germans back. Eventually they got hold of the Calcar Road.

The battle on 19th February was the bloodiest of the entire Operation Veritable, the Essex Scottish Regiment left 51 dead (out of a total of 400 dead on 19th and 20th February), 99 wounded and 54 became prisoners of war.

Private Herbert Frederick Painter was killed in action on 19 February 1945 and was buried in Bedburg, Germany.

On 21 March 1945 his mother received a letter from the army stating her son was killed in action.

Herbert Frederick Pater was later reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery Groesbeek, grave reference **V. A. 10**.

Awards:

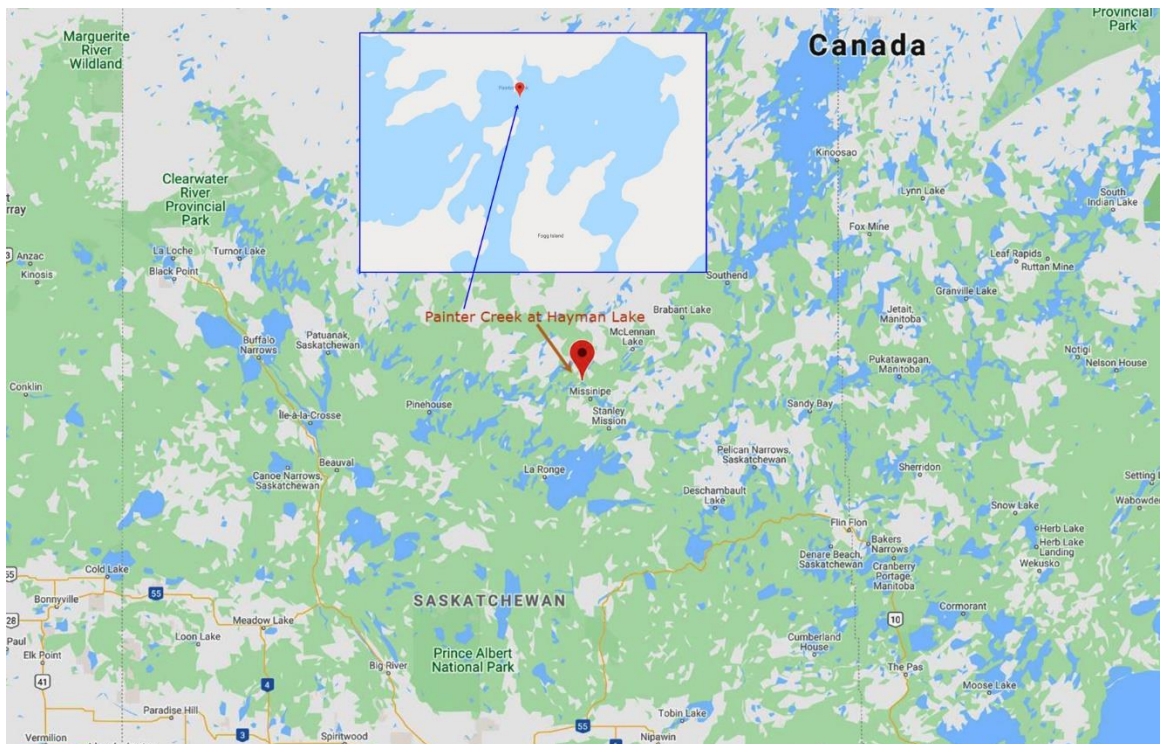
1939-45 Star

France & Germany Star

Defence Medal

War Medal 1939-1945

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp



Herbert Frederick Painter's name is mentioned in the Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial. This project commemorates Saskatchewan's war dead, those men and women who perished in service to their country for the high ideals of peace and freedom. They are honoured by a geographic location.

The location for Herbert Frederick: Painter Creek, bij het Hayman Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada



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Stichting Faces to Canadian
War Graves Groesbeek

Life story by Else Schaberg, Research Team Faces To Graves.

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HERB PAINTER GIVES LIFE FOR KING & COUNTRY

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred
Painter Killed.

Official word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Painter that their son, Pte. Herbert Frederick Painter, L-61816, previously reported missing is now presumed to have been killed in action on March 9th, 1945.

"Herbie" as he was known, was born in Yorkton May 19, 1923 and is the 47th Yorkton lad to make the supreme sacrifice in World War II. He attended Burke and Victoria public school and the Yorkton Collegiate Institute.

In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister June, and two brothers. Clarence at home and Keith serving overseas with the R.C.N.V.R.

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L Cpl Quimet, Joseph Avila Andre

Pte Quimet, Marcel R de Chaud

Pte Qurom, Richard Knut RCA

Pte Quistan, Frederick RCA

Pte Outerson, Joseph Lawrie RCA

L Sgt Overby, Carl Oscar, M.M. R de Chaud

Pte Overend, George Joseph Sidney RCA

Pte Owen, Eldon Martin Salta R

Pte Owens, Ernest Patrick BCD

Pte Ozard, Gordon Ralph Linck & Willd R

Pte Pachal, Otto Carl R Regt C

Pte Pachkowski, William Frank Camerons of C

Cpl Packwood, Joseph Pamphile Camerons of C

Pte Padget, Charles Henry Hilaire RCA

L Cpl Page, Laurie Douglas Calg Highrs

Pte Page, Robert James Neth NS Highrs

Pte Pagau, Hervé RCA

Pte Pagen, Gordon Leonard R de Chaud

Pte Paget, Hazen Henry Sask R

Pte Painchaud, Gaston Calg Highrs

Pte Painter, Herbert Frederick R de Chaud

EO Palanc, Anthony Joseph R de Chaud

EO Palbeck, John Patrick Francis RCA

Cpl Palmer, Gordon Elmer RCA

Pte Palmer, William Scaforth of C

Cpl Palmerston, William James CB Highrs

Pte Panasuk, Paul West NSR

Sgt Panes, Victor Leslie RCA

Sgt Pankov, James RCA

Pte Panko, Nicholas Carl R de Chaud

Pte Pape, John Charles RCA

Pte Papincou, Roland Anselm HLL of C

Capt Pappelbaum, Sydney Sol RCA

Pte Paquette, Aime Joseph R de Chaud

Pte Paquette, Edouard R de Chaud

Pte Paquette, Gerard Fus MR

Pte Paquette, Joseph Oswald Arthur R de Chaud

Cpl Paquette, Maurice Fus MR

Pte Paquette, Maurice Fus MR

Pte Paquette, Ovide Joseph Fus MR

Pte Paquette, Raymond Fraser RCA

Pte Paradis, Ernest R de Chaud

L Sgt Paradis, Marc Joseph R de Chaud

L Sgt Parcells, Reginald RCA

Pte Paré, Daniel R de Chaud

Pte Paré, Laurent R de Chaud

Pte Paré, Leo Joseph HLL of C

Sgt Paré, Viateur Bruno R de Chaud

Cpl Parent, Claude Albert RHL

Pte Parent, Leonard John RCA

Pte Parent, Paul Eugene Fus MR

Pte Partinuk, Alexander RCA

Lt Parish, Emerson RCA

Cpl supp Parisien, Noel Adrian R de Chaud

Cpl Park, Fred Kelly LEdm R

Pte Park, James Thomas RCA

Pte Park, James William RCA

Pte Park, William Robert RCA

Pte Parker, Frank Charles RCA

Pte Parker, Harry RCA

Pte Parker, Jack Reginald RCA

Pte Parker, Kenneth George RCA

Lgt Sto-Parker, Kenneth Leonard RCA

Pte Parker, Louis Holmes DFC RCA

Pte Parker, Maynard Anand RCA

Pte Parker, Verdun Glenwynd RCA

Pte Parker, Walter Douglas RCA

Pte Parker, Wendell Neth NS Highrs

Pte Parker, William Bruce Nshore R

Pte Parker, William Frederick RCA

Pte Parker, Wilson Leggie RCA

Pte Parkhurst, Keith Edwin RCA

Pte Parkington, Frederick RCA

Pte Parks, Rowland Ira RCA

