

Williams, John Douglas
Lieutenant
Essex Scottish Regiment
Royal Canadian Infantry Corps
B/23605



John Douglas (Jack) Williams was born on 13 May 1918 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, but his nationality was British. His parents were John Victor and Dorothy Evelyn Williams. Father Victor was Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Army, stationed in Whitehall. John had a twin brother James Judson (Jim). John and his family were members of the Church of England.

Jack and Jim signed up for the Canadian Army on 10 April 1942. Before that, Jack worked as a production and distribution employee at Canadian General Electric Company, 214 King Street, Ontario. For that same company he worked as a bookkeeper in the last nine months before he joined the army. John had already served before from 1932 until 1937 with the 32nd Battery, Canadian Field Artillery in Kingston.

John's was 5.9 ¼ ft. tall, had fair hair and blue eyes. He had a birthmark on his left thigh. John was single.

John got his driver's licence for cars and motor vehicles in the Army on 11th of November 1942. On 13th of February 1943 John was promoted to the rank of a Second Lieutenant of the 26th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery and on 8th of September 1943 to the rank of Lieutenant.

At this appointment the officer of training stated that John was intelligent and came across as confident. He slowly comes to a decision, but he researched all possibilities thoroughly. John will be a good infantry officer.

Before Jack and Jim go overseas with the army, they visit their mother's cousin and his family. Daughter Susan is then four years old and remembers two tall, handsome boys in uniform. That makes a deep impression on her at that moment.

On the 29th of April 1944, John and his regiment left Canada by ship to arrive in England on the 7th of May 1944. John landed in North-West Europe on the 4th of November 1944. He was added to the Essex Scottish Regiment on November 8.

During the battles in Nijmegen John got shot and had a serious wound in his chest of which he died in the field ambulance on the 19th of February 1945.

Additional Notes by Unit M.O. and Field Ambulance.							
Morphia—		A.T. Serum—					
Dose. Time and date given—		Dose and date given—					
Date of Wound or onset of illness		Religion—					
Sulphanilamide. Dose in grammes.		Time and date given.					
Disease*	Microscopic Diagnosis*						
Malaria	B.T.	M.T.	Q.	Clin.			
Dysentery	B. Ex.	Ehyst.	Indef. Ex.				
Malaria Treatment							
Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ateb. grms.							
Quin. grs.							

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 Army Form W3118
 R.A.F. Form 3118.
 Naval Form M204.

FIELD MEDICAL CARD.

*No. *N. 1300* Rank *LIEUT*
 Name *WILLIAMS J.D.*
 Unit *ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT.*
 * In cases of Enemy Prisoners of War serial number allotted by A.F.W. 3000.

Battle Casualty. Accidentally Wounded. Sick.
(Strike out description which does not apply.)

Diagnosis of Unit M.O.—
OSW chest (sucking)

Date seen by him—*Feb 19/45* *Robertson*

No. of Field Ambulance—
 Date of admission—*19/2/45* *Capt*

Field Ambulance diagnosis—
OSW chest sucking

F.D.S., C.C.S. or M.C.S. diagnosis (if altered from above)—
DIED *6608A*

General or other Hospital diagnosis (alterations or additions)—

NOTES.
*11 Sp. fid. O.D.
 wound sucked.
 Credited Hon.
 avac. H.D.
 W.D.*

* Strike out where inapplicable.

Wt. 53183/1306. 1,000cm. 4/43. D.P.W. 51-6600.

He was temporarily buried in Marienboom in Nijmegen. In 1946 he was reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek, grave reference **XI. D. 15.**

Awards: Memorial Cross, 1939-1945 Star, French Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp.



Life story Marian Straatman, Research Team Faces to Graves.

Sources:

Paul Falvo and his mother Susan
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Library and Archives Canada



Visit Susan, her son Paul and granddaughter Juniper 23th of March 2019.



Diana VK

Christmas Eve 24th December 2018.

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