

Wolfe, Jacob Henry
Private
Lincoln and Welland Regiment
Royal Canadian Infantry Corps
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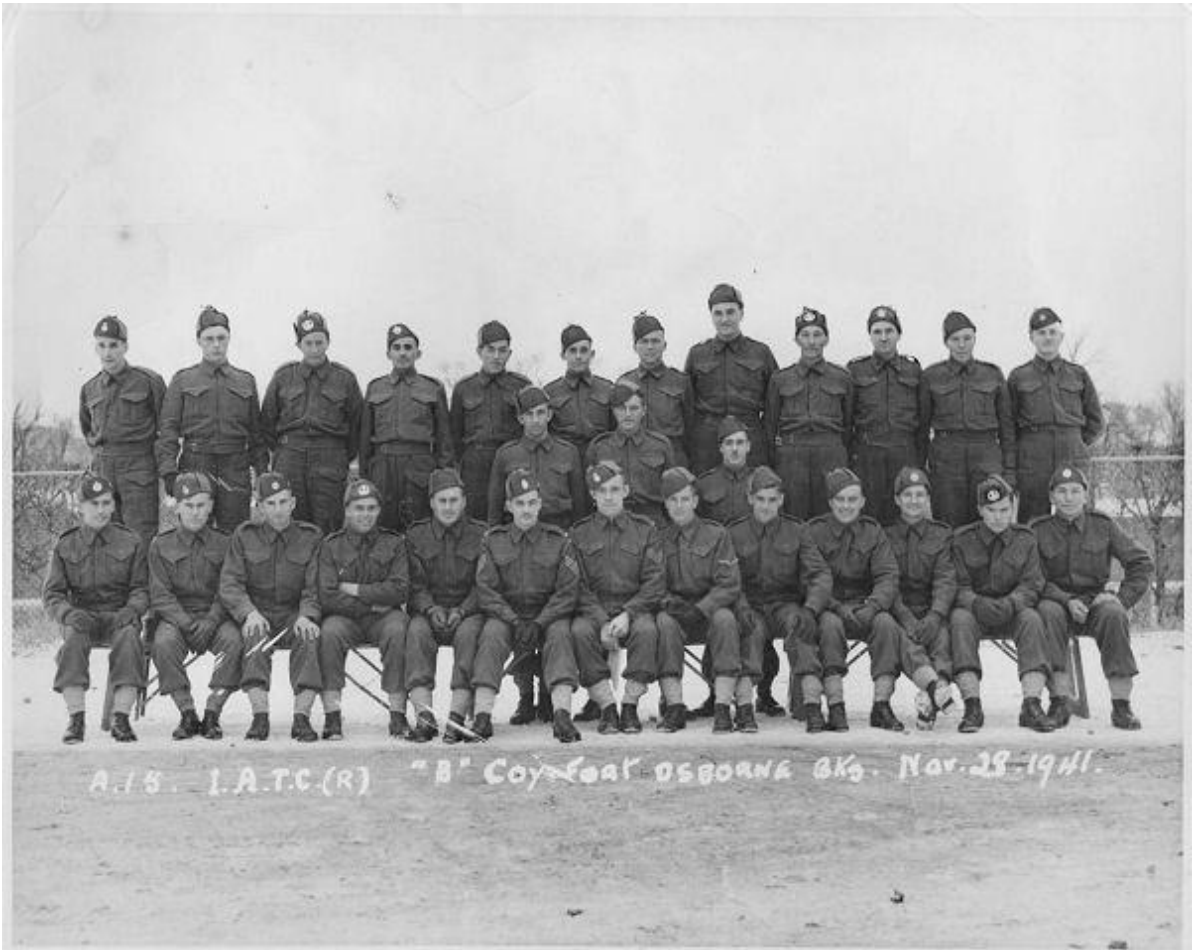
Jacob Henry Wolfe, called Jake, was born on July 21, 1921 in hospital in Stanley, Morden, Manitoba, Canada. His father was Johann (John) Wolfe, who was a labourer, and his mother was Helena (Helen) Wolfe-Hamm. She was born in Rosenthal, Ukraine.

The Wolfe family are Mennonites and lived on a farm in Morden. Jacob was the youngest of six children. He had an older brother, John, and four sisters, Annie, Mary, Helen and Tina.

His mother Helen died young, at the age of 40, on November 19, 1923.

Jacob worked as a labourer at the farm of Joe Hanzel in Morden until he is summoned for the Canadian Army on April 8, 1941, he was 19 years old at the time. Jacob was 5, 5 ft. tall. He had blonde hair and grey eyes. He had a scar on his right leg from cutting himself on barbed wire. Jacob and his brother were summoned for the army simultaneously.

Because the Wolfe family were members of the Mennonite Church, they were pacifistic, against fighting and violence. So the call to join the army would have been difficult for Jacob and John, however they both enlisted.



Picture sent home by Jacob, dated November 28, 1941.

Jacob leaves Canada on April 10, 1942 and arrives in the United Kingdom on April 19, 1942.

On July 31, 1943, he took a leave of absence to get married to Ann Joyce Connor on August 30, 1943. She lived in Marple, Cheshire, England.

September 25, 1943 he returned to his unit, at that time The Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

On July 19, 1944, Jacob left England and arrived in France with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment on July 25, 1944.

Jacob was temporarily buried in Sonsbeck, Xanten, Germany.

He received his final resting place on February 4, 1947 at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek, The Netherlands, grave **IV.G.8**.

Awards:

1939-1945 Star
French Germany Star
Defence Medal
War Medal
Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp



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*Bonnie Reimer Richards,
granddaughter of Annie
Reimer-Wolfe, sister of
Jacob, pays a visit to The
Canadian War Cemetery in
Groesbeek on May 3, 2005.*





*Christmas Eve 24 December 2018.
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