



## **DONALD ROY WATSON**

**B/110671**

Corporal

### **Family affairs.**

Donald Ray Watson is born on June 14th in Forest, Ontario. He was not married. He is the son of Earl David and Mary Ann Watson (maiden name unknown), they married in Forest on October 7th 1920. They lived in Hunta, Ontario. His father was a farmer. He had 6 sisters and 2 brothers. For more information about them **see remarks.**

He attended Public School in Hunta, which he left 15 years old to go to work. He reached Grade 8. He worked for nearly 5 years as a lumberjack and forestry worker. His hobbies were hunting and fishing, his favorite sports were swimming and skiing.

### **Military affairs.**

April 7th 1942 he is enlisted in Cochrane, Toronto, Ontario at the Royal Regiment of Canada. His education and training he got subsequently until May 26th 1942 in Toronto, Ontario until July 15th 1942 in St. Johns, New Foundland and Labrador until December 12th 1942 in Camp Borden, Ontario and on December 12th 1942 via Halifax, Nova Scotia to Great Britain and on July 4th 1944 to France. Between Huijbergen and Hoogerheide (the Netherlands) he was killed in action on October 12th 1944.

He is temporarily buried at the Communal Cemetery Ossendrecht, 23 NE, 628161, plot 2, row 2, grave 20.

April 28th 1945 he is reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, plot 2, row C, grave 4.



### **Remarks.**

- On his tombstone is written: "His life is a lovely memory, his absence a silent grief".
- He received the 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & CLASP, War Medal, Defence Medal and the France-Germany Star.
- Total wages in 2,5 years active service are: 463,10 \$ (Canadian), including last pay.
- Besides the information from the Ancestry, except a photograph, no additional information has been found.
- He had, as described, six sisters and two brothers, one sister was older, all others were younger. Their names and data:
  - = **Hazel Isabel** residence unreadable.
  - = **Flora Joan**, lived at home.
  - = **Mary Irene**, residence unreadable.
  - = **Louise**, lived at home.
  - = **Barbara**, lived at home.
  - = **Catherine**, lived at home.
  - = **David Earl**, prisoner of war by the Germans.
  - = **Jack Malcolm**, lived at home.

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2642429>