



## **MURRAY KENNETH NORTHRUP**

**G/49900**

Lance Corporal

### **Family affairs.**

Murray Kenneth Northrup is born on December 14th 1917 in St. John, New Brunswick. He was not married and lived with his parents. He is the son of Hartley Cecil and Minnie Northrup (maiden name unknown), who lived in St. John, 199 Sydney Street. His parents married in 1905 in Norton, New Brunswick. They divorced in 1932, the residence of his father is unknown. He had 4 sisters and 4 brothers. For more information about them see **Remarks.**

He attended the St. John the Public School and 14 years old he left school to go to work. He reached Grade 5. He worked for 6 years at G.P.R. in St. John as a truckdriver and freight handler. His hobby was fishing, his favorite sports are unknown.

### **Military affairs.**

He is enlisted on August 27th 1942 in Fredericton, New Brunswick in the Royal Regiment of Canada (January 10th 1941 he already enrolled at the National Resources Mobilization Act, G/432747).

His education and training he got subsequently until October 27th 1942 in Fredericton, until August 6th 1943 in Halifax, Nova Scotia until March 2nd 1944 in Torbay, Newfoundland and Labrador until April 23rd 1944 in Halifax until May 23rd 1944 in Windsor, Nova Scotia and until June 25th 1944 in Debert, Nova Scotia. Then via Halifax to Great Britain and on July 25th 1944 to France.

He was killed in action on October 30th 1944, probably in the neighborhood of Vlissingen, Zeeland. He is temporarily buried at the Municipal Cemetery Het Drietal in Vlissingen, 14SW, 234291.



July 12th 1945 he is reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 12, row A, grave 9.

### **Remarks.**

- On his tombstone is written: In God we trust "until we meet again".
- He received the 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & CLASP, Defence Medal, France-Germany Star and may be the War Medal. The latter is not quite clear.
- Total wages in 2 years and 2 months active service are: 318,46 \$ (Canadian), including last pay.
- He had as described 4 brothers and 4 sisters, their names and data:
  - = **Ethel Elizabeth Stillwell**, was 12 years older. Lived in Framingham, Massachusetts, USA.
  - = **Mildred Kathleen Watts**, was 10 years older. Lived in Saint John.
  - = **Myrthe Edna McCoy**, was 6 years older. Lived in Saint John.
  - = **Alice Dorothy Simpson**, was 4 years older. Lived in Saint John.
  - = **Cecil Harold**, was 8 years older. Lived in Saint John.
  - = **Arthur Ronald**, was 2 years older, private. Lived in Saint John.
  - = **George Donald**, was 2 years younger, sergeant. Lived in Utopia Centre, New Brunswick.
  - = **Louis Allison**, would be 9 years older, but already died 10.5 months old.
- The link:  
<https://www.rcl005.nl/archive/Magazines%20RCL005/2020/RCL%202020-07%20Eng.pdf> contains a very detailed travelogue of Jim and Mark Northrup in 2019 with among other a visit to the grave of their grand uncle. The travelogue is too extensive to describe here, but it is surely worth reading.
- Very remarkable is that in "Soldiers Handbook" three names of Belgians are mentioned:
  - = Mrs. Bertha Orlans, Italielai 71, Antwerp.
  - = Carolina Grinjthuyzen, Tulpstraat 59, Antwerp.
  - = Mgr. G. Allonsius, Stationstraat 19, Moeskroen(Mouscron).It is unknown what the relation is between these people and Murray Kenneth Northrup.