



COLDWATER REMEMBERS

L/CPL LLOYD ARTHUR JENNETT

Lloyd Arthur Jennett was born in Vasey, near Coldwater, Ontario, on March 3, 1922, the first of 14 siblings in the family of Arthur and Jane Elizabeth Jennett.

On September 15, 1942, he enlisted in Toronto with the Army to serve with the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. He was 20 years old and single. He listed his trade as mechanic, and his denomination as United Church. He claimed no previous military experience.

Trooper Jennett (regimental number B-133020) trained as a tank gunner at the Canadian Armoured Corps Training Centre at Camp Borden, Ontario, before sailing to England to arrive on April 4, 1943. He then landed in France on July 22, 1944, with the 21st Canadian Armoured Regiment (Governor General's Foot Guards). He was promoted to Lance-Corporal on June 5, 1944.



Sadly, Lance-Corporal Jennett was killed in action on October 21, 1944. The Regimental History of the Governor General's Foot Guards describes the events that surrounded his death as a firefight between advancing Canadian tanks and German troops armed with anti-tank weapons.

"The enemy again engaged with anti-tank fire and a tank of Lieut. Palmer's troop was destroyed, killing Gdsm. MacMillan. The crew commander L/Cpl Jennett successfully dismounted from the tank but gallantly returned to assist Gdsm. MacMillan. The tank was again struck by an armour piercing shot and this brave Non-Commissioned Officer was instantly killed."

For his service to his country, Lance-Corporal Jennett was entitled to the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the 1939-1945 British War Medal.

Lance-Corporal Jennett is buried at the Bergen op Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, in The Netherlands. In Canada he is commemorated on page 345 of the *Second World War Book of Remembrance*, located inside the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower in Ottawa.

We will remember him.