



COLDWATER REMEMBERS

PRIVATE WILLIAM EDGAR DUNN

William Edgar Dunn was born in Mount Stephen near Coldwater, Ontario, on July 12, 1925, son of Norman Edgar and Isabel Dunn. After grade school he worked with various employers as a labourer, including a few years with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

During the Second World War, he enlisted in the Army in Toronto on February 2, 1944. He was 18 years old. On his Attestation Form, he is described as 5 feet 8 ¼ inches tall, with blue eyes and brown hair. He was single, and he identified his religious denomination as Presbyterian. He had no previous military experience.



Trooper Dunn (regimental number B-158785) trained at the Canadian Armoured Corps Training Regiment at Camp Borden, Ontario, and later at Camp Aldershot, Nova-Scotia, before being transferred overseas in October 1944. He was then posted to the Algonquin Regiment, Royal Canadian Infantry Corps.

By 1945, Private Dunn was assigned to patrolling along the Maas River, near Heuseden, in The Netherlands. On February 11, 1945, Private Dunn and another soldier were found lifeless in a canal. As they drowned and there were no other signs of physical injury, the circumstances of their death remain unknown.

For his service to his country, Private Dunn 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.

Private Dunn is buried at the Bergen op Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, in The Netherlands. In Canada he is commemorated on page 511 of the *Second World War Book of Remembrance*, located inside the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower in Ottawa.

We will remember him.