

Remembering Frederick William Bradley (WHS Student Dedication by Carson S. Laframboise)



-Date of Birth: 1915-07-16

-Location of Birth: Montreal, Quebec, Canada

-Date of Graduation from Westmount High School: Unknown

-Date of Military Enlistment: 1940-07-18

-Date of Death: 1944-08-11

-Location of Death: Falaise, France

-Frederick W. Bradley was born on July 16th, 1915 in Montreal, Quebec. He never married, nor had he gone to college nor university, but he completed 10 full years at Westmount High School. Before his departure for war, he worked as an assistant mechanic. He lived at 5778 10th Ave. Rosemount, with his mother, father, and brother.

-Rank: Corporal

-Division: 7th Reconnaissance Regiment/Part of the 3rd Canadian Division

-Unit 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars, R.C.A.C.

-Circumstances of his Death: He died during *Operation Totalize* in Falaise, France, during the Battle of Normandy. Unfortunately, there is (at the moment) no clear reason for his death, but he could have either been killed during a night raid on the night of

August 10/11th in order to push German units away from the Caen-Falaise road, or from injuries received from a misplaced U.S.A.A.F. (United States Army Air Forces) bombing run on his unit's headquarters on August 8th, 1944.

-Burial Site: Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, Calvados, France

-Battle Details: "Operation Totalize" was a two phase attack in Falaise, France, with the assistance of heavy Allied bombers to attack Axis units on the ground in the later stages of the Battle of Normandy. At midnight of August 7/8th, the 51st Division and 2nd Canadian Division troops, along with leading tanks, commenced Phase 1 and pushed German units away from the Northern Falaise. On August 8th, U.S.A.A.F. bombers commenced Phase 2, but unfortunately dropped bombs on their own allies (the 3rd Canadian Division's headquarters being heavily damaged). There was confusion amongst Allied units, but the German units were pushed further from the Caen-Falaise road. Quesnay Wood was attacked by Allied units on the night of August 10/11th, in order to fully take the Caen-Falaise road from the German units guarding it. The attack resulted in heavy casualties (with Frederick W. Bradley being most likely one of them).

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