

Fred Fisher

Fred Fisher was born in 1921 in Westmount, Quebec but the day or month he was born is unknown. He attended Argyle Elementary School and Westmount High School where he graduated in 1939. He was sadly killed in action in the later stages of the Battle of Normandy on August 8, 1944, in Calvados, France.

- He was buried at Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in Calvados France. The people who were buried there were the ones who died in the later stages of the Battle of Normandy. Almost every unit of the Canadian 2nd Corps is represented in the cemetery. Around 3000 Allied Forces casualties of the Second World War are commemorated on this site.



LT. FRED FISHER, 23, 22nd Armored Regiment (Canadian Grenadier Guards) who has been killed in action on August 8, according to information received here by his sister, Miss Margaret Fisher, 1620 Seaforth avenue. Son of the late W. H. Fisher and of Mrs. H. M. Kenyon, at present overseas with the Transport Division of the Canadian Red Cross, Lt. Fisher was educated at Argyle and Westmount High Schools and was employed by Drew Brown Ltd. prior to enlisting with the Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada in 1940. Shortly afterwards he was taken on strength of the 2nd Battalion and thence to the 3rd Battalion. He went on active service in July, 1941, and was then transferred to the 22nd Armored Regiment (Canadian Grenadier Guards), R.C.A.C. and subsequently proceeded overseas. Besides his sister and mother, Lt. Fisher is survived by one brother, FO. W. H. Fisher R.C.A.F., overseas.



Military Ranking, Duties, Unit and Battle Duties:
Fred Fisher was a Lieutenant with the Canadian Grenadier Guards and the Royal Canadian Armored Corps (R.C.A.C). His role was to conduct armored warfare alongside his squadron "A" squadron, 22nd Armd. Regt. During the Battle of Normandy, he and his divisions were tasked to capture the port city of Caen and to move southwards to close the Falaise Gap. By doing this, it would seal off the German

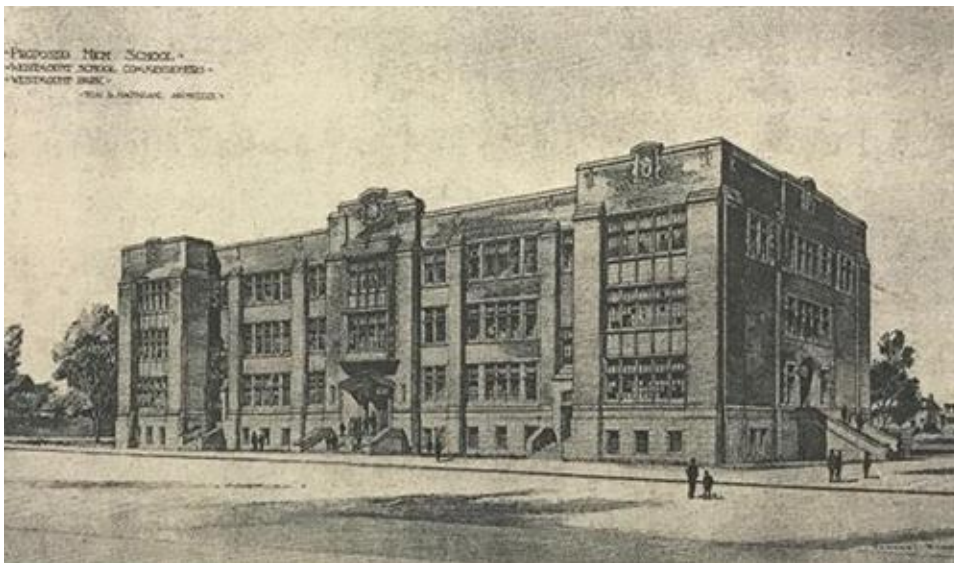
divisions trying to escape while being trapped west of the Siene. (This was initially led by the 4th Canadian and 1st Polish armored divisions.



Life before the war

He was the son of William Henry Fisher and Helen Margaret Fisher of Westmount, Quebec. He was educated at Argyle and Westmount High School. He was later

employed by Drew Batton after graduating from high school prior to enlisting with the Black Watch of Canada in 1940. Black Watch is the oldest Highland Regiment in Canada. He went on active service in July 1941 and then was transferred to the 22nd Armored Regiment Canadian Grenadier Guards. While his brother FO.W.H Fisher was in the Royal Canadian Air Force (R.C.A.F).



Circumstances of death

He was killed in action on August 8th according to information received by his sister Margaret Fisher.

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