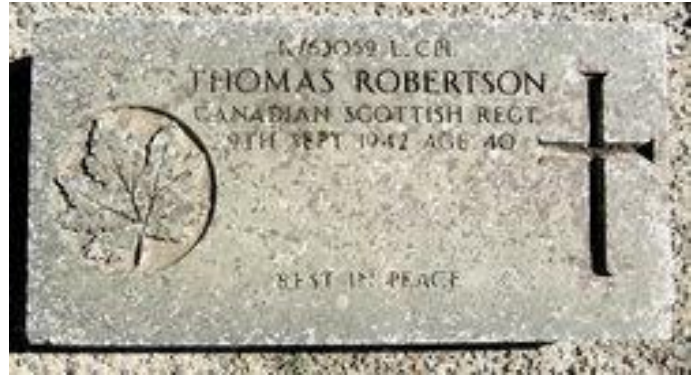


Robertson, Thomas

Age: 40

Nationality: Canadian

Rank: Lance Corporal



Unit: RCIC

Occupation: Driver

Service No: K63059

Birth: 2nd September 1902
Insch, Scotland

Home Town: Fairmont, BC,
Canada

Death: 19 September 1942
Victoria Military Hospital, BC

Burial: Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria, BC

Biography

Thomas Robertson was born in Inch, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, to John Robertson and Mary MacDonald, on September 2nd 1902. He was the oldest of 10 children having 7 younger brothers, William, Benjamin, George, Andrew, Peter, Robert and Angus and two sisters, Barbara and Christina. Thomas left school at 13 and, 15 years later, sailed from Liverpool, England to St. John, New Brunswick, Canada on the Duchess of York, arriving in Canada on 16th March 1930. Thomas lived in Saskatchewan for 3 years and then moved to British Columbia. He was variously employed as a labourer, a truck driver, a mechanic, or a dairyman, which was the job he was holding and planned returning to when he applied to join the Canadian Army.

Thomas enlisted in Fairmont, British Columbia on July 1st 1940. His medical record shows him to be a little below average height, at 5ft 5ins, and a slender 138lbs. His sight was not perfect and he wore glasses occasionally. Like many of his generation his teeth were in poor condition.

Thomas joined the Canadian Scottish Regiment in Victoria as a driver and qualified as a motorcycle operator a year later. He transferred to Prince Rupert in September 1941, was promoted to Lance Corporal in January 1942 and transferred to Nanaimo 2 months later. His last posting was to Patricia Bay in July 1942. He married Velma Patricia Dooks in Vancouver on 20th September 1941.

On 19th September 1942, Thomas was going from Victoria to Patricia Bay, by motorcycle, when he was involved in an accident on Airport Road. He was taken to Victoria Military Hospital where he was pronounced dead of head injuries. He was returning to Patricia Bay for transport to Ucluelet, which was to be his next posting.

Both of Thomas's parents predeceased him. At the time of his death, his wife was aware of a brother living in Calgary and a sister living in Vancouver. She knew there were other siblings but had no information about them. Thomas had willed his whole estate to his sister Christina (Chrissie) when he joined the army. He had no children.

Thomas was buried in Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria on 22nd September 1942.

ROBERTSON -- Funeral services for Corporal Thomas Robertson were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock. Rev. Captain McIntosh officiated, assisted by the Patricia Bay Canadian Air Force chaplain. A guard of honor representing the air force and the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish was in attendance, as were high-ranking officers of the two forces. The pallbearers, in charge of CQMS Harris included Ptes Halsa, Winnichul, Addison and Jaman. Pte Gandy piped "The Flowers of the Forest," and the remains were laid at rest in Royal Oak Burial Park. S. J. Curry & Son had charge of arrangements.

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