

William Percy King

So this is the story of a young man called William King.



William was born in Hepworth, Ontario, Canada, June 13th 1913,

Brother of Robert King, P.T.E Albert King, Edward King and Alvin King and Mrs May Phillips of Ukiah Calif. William was also Half Brother to Harvey Warnock, George Warnock and Mrs. Chas. Primmer.

William Service to his country began in Canada, Enlisting in Walkerton September 1939 (Aged 21) and joined the 97th Battery. William trained in Listowel & Petawara.

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Statement of the Service of No. A 33136 Rank Private

James King Jr P

Sheet No. 1

REPORT		Based on Frequency, Endurance, Training, Conduct, Service, etc. (Indicate if Yes, No, or Partly)	Rank	Station	Date	Place	Activity	
Date	From what source						Per (100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 0)	Notes
	808 <u>808</u> <u>WASH DC</u> <u>10 Apr 41</u>	<u>Halifax</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>10 Apr 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Borden</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>21 Apr 41</u>
	808 <u>808</u> <u>WASH DC</u> <u>11 Apr 41</u>	<u>Halifax</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>11 Apr 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Borden</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>21 Apr 41</u>
	<u>T.O. 2</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>20 Apr 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Borden</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>31 Apr 41</u>
	<u>On Command to 2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>21 Apr 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Borden</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>21 Apr 41</u>
	<u>Off Command to 2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>15 May 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Borden</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>16 May 41</u>
	<u>Leave with warrant 5 days (Sunday)</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>19 May 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Borden</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>19 May 41</u>
	<u>On Command to 2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>18 June 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Borden</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>19 June 41</u>
	<u>On Command to 2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>17 July 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>19 July 41</u>
	<u>2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>25 Aug 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>27 Aug 41</u>
	<u>2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>
	<u>2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>105 M</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>
	<u>2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>
	<u>2 Lt A.A. Troop</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>	<u>2 A HU</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>26 Aug 41</u>
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Certified Copy of an Entry of Marriage.

JANUARY TO THE EIGHTH AGE, 1911 TO 1900

DEPENDENT U.K.

Transmitted to District

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

1943 Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church In the County Borough of Brighton

In the Parish

of Brighton

Columns 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

No. When married Name & Surname Age Condition Rank or Profession Date & time of marriage Father's name & surname Rank or Prof. of father

156 26 June 1943 William Percy King 26 Bachelor Canadian Forces 6 Grand Parade, Brighton Charles King Labourer

Rose Florence Knight 21 Spinster Teacher 66 Albion Street, Brighton Frederick Knight Railway Employee

Moved in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after being by us.

This marriage was solemnized between us: William Percy King In the presence of F. Knight Rose Florence Knight J. H. McFarlane Geoffrey H. Wards-Vicar

I, Geoffrey H. Wards of The Parish Church In the County Borough of Brighton do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 156 in the Register Book of Marriages of the said Church.

Witness my Hand this 26 day of June 1944

Geoffrey H. Wards (Vicar)

State Pastor, Vicar or Curate.

"I hereby certify that I have personally compared this copy with the original document and that it is a true and exact copy in all material respects."

P. B. McFarlane Captain Registrar 5 Old Le AA Regt SA

**CANADIAN PACIFIC
TELEGRAPHS**

DAY LETTER ☐
 NIGHT LETTER ☒

CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY)

TO:-

MRS PROENK KING
 HAMOVER ONTARIO

5631 SINCERELY REGRET INFORM YOU A33136 GUNNER WILLIAM KING
 OFFICIALLY REPORTED WOUNDED IN ACTION STOP DATE AND NATURE OF
 WOUNDS NOT YET AVAILABLE STOP WHEN ADDRESSING MAIL ADD WORDS IN
 HOSPITAL IN BOLD LETTERS AFTER NAME OF UNIT FOR QUICK DELIVERY
 STOP FURTHER INFORMATION FOLLOWS WHEN RECEIVED

Director of Records

PREPAID

OFFICE I/C RECORDS

William Was rewarded the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal and CVSM & Clasp.

6-3-45 AWARDS—CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE) 1909 **M** C.B. 8005-1-48 (1967) H.Q. 1770-45-8

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KING William **A-33136** **Pte.** **C.D.C.**

SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) CHRISTIAN NAMES REG. NO. RANK ON DISCHARGE C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE
BADGE
(CLASS) NO. DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Italy Star	
France & Germany Star	
Defence Medal	
War Medal	
CVSM & Clasp	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

On the 6th March 1945, William returned from Italy on a requested 7 Day leave to visit his wife Florence, however, sadly during the trip from William fell out of train on the way back to Brighton (cause unknown) and obtained a serious head injury and broken ribs, William was rushed to Purley Cottage Hospital where he sadly died from his injuries.

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF DEATH
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1929.

Registration District **WIDYON**

1945 Death in the Sub-district of **WIDYON SOUTH** in the **COUNTY BOROUGH OF WIDYON**

No.	Where and where Date	Name and Surname	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Cause of Death	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant	Where Registered	Signature of Registrar
242	Birth March, 1945 Purley Cottage Hospital, Brighton, S.E.	William Perry 1130	Male	About 27 years	Canadian Army Dental Corps, Canadian Army Commissariat & formerly a Gunner, Royal Canadian Artillery.	Multiple injuries caused by a fall from an electric railway train in action. Himself. P.M.	Certificate received from H.D. Jackson, Coroner for Borough of Widyon, Inquest held 3rd March, 1945	Fourteenth March, 1945	F. Davis

W. Davis Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-District of **WIDYON SOUTH**, in the **COUNTY BOROUGH OF WIDYON**, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 242 in the Register Book of Deaths for the said Sub-District, and that such Register Book is now lying in my custody.

Witness my Hand this 20th day of March, 1945.

Signature of Registrar

Signature of Clerk and Death

EXPLANATION.—Any person who is satisfied by the particulars on this certificate, or if made known from, knowing it to be correct, is bound to preserve it.

William was due on his return train back to Italy on March 13th 1945, if anything positive can be taken from William's tragic passing, its the mindset he would of been in travelling down the peaceful countryside as apposed to awful conditions over in Italy.

(b) If fit to travel he should be instructed to return to his Unit and report sick to his Medical Officer.

If unfit, he should be furnished with a certificate to that effect to be forwarded to his Officer i/c Records, and at the same time be instructed to notify the nearest Military Medical Establishment.

(c) To obtain payment for attendance on a soldier, a Civilian Medical or Dental Practitioner should satisfy himself that the above instructions have been carried out. He should submit his claim on Army Form O.166, (the scale of fees allowed are set out on the back of the form) which may be obtained from the local National Health Insurance Committee, and when completed should be forwarded to the A.D.M.S. of the Area in which the soldier is temporarily residing, for payment.

The Dental Practitioner will be paid only for strictly emergency treatment, and at the rates admissible under the National Health Insurance Act (Dental Benefit Regulations).

RETURN TRAIN TIMINGS

(For the use of Movement Control)

R. T.O.
STATION
REPORT

MOVEMENT CONTROL

**YOUR RETURN TRAIN DEPARTS
VICTORIA STN. LONDON**

ON 13 MAR 1945

AT 00:00 HRS

FOAKESTONE

Failure to use the return train indicated may result in a missed connection, and disciplinary action being taken against you.

Why the story you ask?, For the answer to this questions we must fast forward 75 Year back to the Brighton, England.

On the 7th September 2019, Myself (Jason Roberts was metal detecting a friends field just outside of Brighton when a signal pulls up a something rather interested.. A Pocket Watch, it was buried about 8 inches into the ground and covered in dirt and chalk.



I spent the following days cleaning the watch, with the help from Jay at Military Man, and eventually we managed to get some back to a condition close to when it was in use.



Now whilst admiring the restoration work, we came across something that was not visible when we pulled it out of the ground, some writing scratched into the back of the watch.

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HURST



The Research began and after 100s of hours combined research from a range of friends and professionals, of whom I will mention shortly, we were able to compile the above information.

The most concrete evidence that matches this pocket watch to William was from taking the his handwriting from his enrolment application and comparing his writing to the back of the pocket watch. This for us was what made us conclude our research was successful



I have been thinking long and hard about what should happen to the watch, Despite attempts to contact long distant family relatives, unfortunately they were not too interested.

I feel like the right thing to do is to send the watch back to his hometown where he can be remembered for generations to come. Hepworth is blessed with a Royal Canadian Legion (Hepworth Shallow Lake #586) and we feel that this would be the place it would be most

appreciated. Looking at the legions website there appears to be some lovely display stands in the hall and I think it will be nice to return William Home, back to his routes (In Pocket Watch Spirit, of course). We also feel returning the watch to Hepworth is well suited as his named is listed on the Hepworth Memorial just a short walk away from the Royal Canadian Legion.



I would like to thank William Percy King of Hepworth for the commitment he made not only to his country, but ours. A true hero that will never be forgotten.

Finally, as I conclude my story, I must thank 2 people who put hours of time and energy into the research and without them the level of information would not be available.

Firstly Terry Hanlon, A local Metal Detectorist and friend, and

Fraser Kinnie, Owner of Heirhunteruk.com, who spent hours upon hours carrying out intensive research and without his help we would of certainly been writing a much shorter story today.

I hope you have found this story useful and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at jcressey@hotmail.com

Jason Roberts
12th September 2019