

Name: Adair, Kenneth Alexander

Rank: Pte

Service Number: A-22993



Kenneth Alexander Adair was born on April 16, 1922, in London, Ontario. He was a machine operator in Windsor, Ontario before he became a private in the Perth Regiment. His service number was A- 22993. He was not married. He is one of four Adair brothers who signed up.

On December 15, 1944, Kenneth wrote a letter to the Citizens of Strathroy, later printed in the Age Dispatch, thanking them for the Christmas card he had received from the town. Kenneth wrote, "It is very nice to know that you people all think of me after being away so long, and still you have not forgotten me. It sure means a lot to a fellow".

Kenneth was killed in action on December 20, 1944 during heavy fighting for a piece of land known as the Fosso Munio in Italy. The Fosso Munio action began on the 19th of December and lasted two days. 32 men died and 49 were wounded from the Perth Regiment. At 22 years of age, Kenneth was the third Adair brother to be killed within a period of seven months. He is buried at the Villanova Canadian War Cemetery in Italy.

Thanks to Dawn Heuston for her research in the Windsor Star that found this photo Mrs Adair had moved to Windsor from Strathroy at some point and remarried. Thus the Windsor Connection.

Third Son of Windsor Mother Reported Killed In Action

Reported Killed



PTE. KENNETH A. ADAIR

Pte. Adair Listed With Two Others

Mrs. D. Stockdale Loses 3 in 7 Months

Among today's casualties is the name of Pte. Kenneth Alexander Adair, 22, who has been killed in action in Italy. Pte. Adair is the third son of Mrs. Dorothy Stockdale, 286 Lincoln road, to lay down his life in this war. The three sons of Mrs. Stockdale who have given their lives for their country have all been killed within the last seven months. Two other Windsor soldiers are also reported killed in action.

PTE. ADAIR

Pte. Adair, the third son of Mrs. Dorothy Stockdale, 286 Lincoln road, to give his life in this war, was killed in action in Italy recently. He had been serving in Italy for well over a year and had been overseas since October, 1941. Pte. Adair enlisted in the Essex Scottish Regiment in April, 1940 but later transferred to another infantry regiment with which he was serving at the time he was killed. The three sons of Mrs. Stockdale who have laid down their lives have all been killed within the last seven months.

Born in London Ont., Pte. Adair was educated at Hamilton and moved to Windsor seven years ago. He was employed with the Peerless Dairies Limited before his enlistment as manager of their store at Wyandotte street and Ouellette avenue.

Pte. Adair's youngest brother, Sgt. Charles Adair was shot down over Bologne, France, on September 9 while on operations with the R.C.A.F. Another brother, Cpl. Robert James Adair was killed in action in Italy on May 20 while serving with the Perth Regiment. The fourth brother Pte. Fred Adair, is also in the service and recently returned to Canada after serving overseas for three years.

Other survivors are his mother Mrs. Dorothy Stockdale and his step-father, J. W. Stockdale.

ADAIR BOYS, ALL DIED WITHIN 7 MONTHS OF EACH OTHER

Sergeant CHARLES FRANKLIN ADAIR who died on September 9, 1944 Boulogne, France

Service Number: R/221011
Age: 19

Force: Air Force
Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force
Division: 88 (R.A.F.) Sqdn

Corporal ROBERT JAMES ADAIR who died on May 26, 1944

Service Number: A/21239
Age: 23

Force: Army
Unit: Perth Regiment, R.C.I.C.

Private KENNETH ALEXANDER ADAIR who died on December 20, 1944

Service Number: A/22993
Age: 22

Force: Army
Unit: Perth Regiment, R.C.I.C.