

**Allen, Harry Manley**

**Private**

**Royal Regiment of Canada**

**Royal Canadian Infantry Corps**

**B/116652**



Harry Manley Allen was born November 24, 1924 in Spring Bay on Manitoulin Island in Ontario. His parents were Florence Harriet Rowe and Manley Allen. He had two brothers James and Norman who also joined the Canadian army during the Second World War. His father also had served in France during the First World War.

The family grew up in Blind River, Ontario and attended the United Church. Harry completed Grade VIII and one year of high school and then left school at 16 to work. As a sailor, Harry was employed as a deckhand and a watchman for the Canada Steamship Lines during the summer months. During the winter he cleaned and painted boats.



*Harry alongside his brother Norman*

On January 11, 1943, Harry married Doris Beulah in Blind River, Ontario.



Harry enlisted on September 15, 1943, in the Canadian Infantry Corps in Toronto, Ontario.

17. **DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION**  
I, Harry Manley ALLEN, hereby engage to serve in any Active Formation or Unit of the Canadian Army so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.  
Date 15 September 1943  
*H. M. Allen*  
(Signature of Recruit)

Harry stood five feet nine inches tall and weighed 156 pounds. He had hazel eyes and brown hair.

According to his military records, Harry didn't have any time for hobbies or sports. His personnel assessment reported that he was "a very likeable youth, decidedly mature for his age" and he had "a pleasant courteous manner." He was "reliable and capable of accepting responsibility." He obtained basic training in Brampton, Ontario, and further infantry training at Camp Borden.

Harry had left Canada and arrived on September 6, 1944 and arrived in the United Kingdom. He was moved to France on October 7 where he was transferred to the Royal Regiment of Canada.

On March 3, 1945, the Royal Regiment was involved in the Allied push through the Hochwald Gap in Germany. The companies encountered mortar and shell fire to be heavy and comparable to the days of Normandy landings.

It was on that day that Harry was wounded in the right thigh by a shell fragment. At age 21, Private Harry Allen died of his wounds that he received in action. He was temporarily buried at the Bedburg cemetery in Germany.

His wife received the sad message by telegram:

OFFICIAL CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS CASUALTY NOTIFICATION			
NUMBER	E-116652	RANK	Private
NAME		ALLEN, Harry Manley	
SERVICE UNIT		Royal Regiment of Canada (CA)	
DATE OF BIRTH	24th	MONTH	November
DAY		YEAR	1924
Date enlisted: 10-9-43			
MARITAL STATUS	Married		Religion: United Church
NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON M.F.M. 1, 2 & 3 RELATIONSHIP	Wife		
ADDRESS	Blind River Ont.		NAME ADDRESS I.R.B. Mrs. Doris B. Allen
ADDITIONAL PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED	ADDRESS		
PARENTS NAME	ADDRESS (IF SOLDIER MARIED OVERSEAS)		
AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO.	6928A	H.Q. 405-A-9167	DATE 5-3-45
CASUALTY DETAILS	Died of wounds		
WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATRE OF WAR			
LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.I.		M.F.M. ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.I.	
YES/NO		YES/NO	
<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	
5		S/L 4339 O/S #3 C.I.R.U.	
		DATE 28-3-45	
		<i>[Signature]</i> OFFICER I/C RECORDS	
COPY FOR C.R. FILE			

Harry Manley Allen was reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek, the Netherlands. Grave reference **V. F. 8.**

## HARRY ALLEN DIES OF WOUNDS

BLIND RIVER, March 14.—Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Allen received word that their son, Harry, had been seriously wounded in Germany. Saturday morning, the news of his passing was received just before noon. Harry was 21 years of age and left September, 1944, for overseas.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife and two brothers both of whom are in the services. James left Saturday night for New Brunswick. Norman is in the Canadian Army Training School, Hamilton. Mr. Allen is a veteran of the First World War and is employed with the Forestry Branch in town.



*photo Frans van Cappellen*

His gravestone is inscribed with the words:

“NOT FORGOTTEN, HARRY DEAR,  
WHILE LIFE AND MEMORY LAST.  
WIFE DORIS FATHER & MOTHER”

Private Harry Manley Allen was awarded four medals:

- 1939-1945 Star
- France & Germany Star
- War Medal
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp



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Lisa A. Allen

newspaper clipping: Operation Picture Me

\* If you have a photo of this soldier or additional information please contact [info@facestograves.nl](mailto:info@facestograves.nl)

(1) SOLDIER'S NAME AND DESCRIPTION ON ATTESTATION

Regt. No. B 116652

Surname (in capitals) ALLEN

Christian Name (in full) HARRY MANLEY

Date of Birth 24 NOV 24

Place of Birth SPRING BAY, MANITOUBAIN ISLANDS

Citizenship CANADIAN

Trade on Enlistment SAILOR

Nationality of Father at Birth ENGLISH

Nationality of Mother at Birth ENGLISH

Religion UNITED CHURCH

Enlisted at TORONTO

Date 15 SEP 43

Particulars of former service (if any) in Regt. No., Company, Regiment, and period. NIL

Signature of Soldier H. M. Allen

Signature of Officer P. Meyer Lt.

Place Camp Borden Date 14 APR 44

*Soldiers Service Book*