

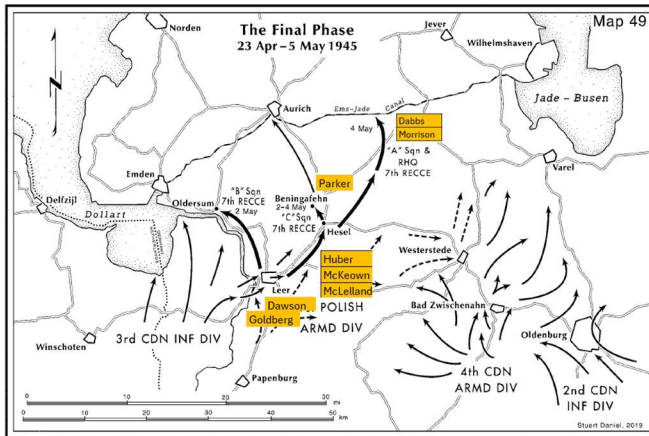
Goldberg, Harry, Corporal (D3524)



- Harry Goldberg was born on 4 March 1918 in Montreal, Quebec. He was 30 years old when he killed in action on 26 April 1945 in Germany.
- On 17 February 1941, he enlisted for active service at the District Depot in Montreal South. He was then sent to Huntingdon for basic training and to Camp Debert, Nova Scotia to join the 7th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment for additional training with the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division. On 23 August 1941, he and his unit were deployed by ship to England, via Glasgow, Scotland. The unit took up position in Southern England, first to be available in case of a potential German invasion, and then to help with an invasion of France. He and his squadron ("B" Squadron) were deployed to France on 10 June 1944. In Normandy, he received a bullet wounded in the posterior of his left leg on 4 July and hospitalized in England. He returned to the Regiment in the Netherlands on 27 October 1944. On 26 May, he was reported missing and believed to be a prisoner of war, and later that day, confirmed as killed in action.
- Prior to enlisting, he served for a year in the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars.
- Prior to enlisting, he worked for seven years as a dress-cutter for Freeman and Stein Incorporated in Montreal. Prior to that he had worked as a shipper for a dry-cleaning company.
- He left school at the age of fifteen, having completed 1 year of high school.
- According to his medical examination, he was 5 foot 6 inches tall and weighed 152 pounds. He had brown eyes and light brown hair. He was found fit for category A.
- He was the son of the late Joseph and Bertha (née Fibishenko) Goldberg, of Montreal, Quebec. He lived with his mother at 5164 Durocher Street, Outremont, Quebec. His brother Sergeant Louis Golberg, Royal Canadian Air Force, killed in action 7 July 1941. In 1938, his father died of cancer at the age of 52. Harry's siblings included Sarah Goldberg Horovitch (34), Mamie Goldberg Stein (32), Louis (deceased), Max (27), and Rubin (22). Because of their mother's extreme anxiety and high blood pressure, the two older sisters petitioned the government twice to return Harry to Canada, and these requests were denied because it was a common situation for all soldiers and four of Harry's siblings lived in proximity to his mother.
- The sole beneficiary of Harry's will was his mother.
- His body is buried in the Holten Canadian War Cemetery, Overijssel, Netherlands (Ref: XI. E. 9.)(plot, row, grave)

Context

- After liberating the northern part of the Netherlands, the Regiment and the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division were ordered to cross into Germany and start clearing the Rheider peninsula. The first elements of the Regiment entered Germany during the second half of April 1945. Unlike the Netherlands, where the enemy was withdrawing using delaying tactics, the German forces were determined to fight. They had prepared their defences and laid thousands of mines and were much more aggressive. Further, the local population had no incentive to help the Allied Forces, and the ground was soft and boggy making it more difficult to manoeuvre. These factors combined to increase the number of casualties.



- As “B” Squadron probed north of Driever, Germany on 25 April 1945, it found a large number of anti-tank mines, which were lifted under enemy harassing fire. A foot patrol of three men, under Corporal Harry Goldberg, was sent from Driever to investigate a building. As they approached the building, the men came under small arms fire and grenades were thrown at them. They went to ground and returned the fire and then decided to withdraw. But an enemy patrol had worked around them; in the withdrawal, two men made it back to the squadron, but Goldberg had been wounded and was missing. That evening Lieutenant Jean-Paul Lefebvre took out a strong fighting patrol of 20 men to check the building and search for Goldberg. It was later found that Goldberg had died of his wounds and had been properly buried by the Germans.



Sgt. Harold Dabbs Col. Harry Goldberg

KILLED: Two Montreal soldiers who have been killed in action are shown above.

Sergeant Dabbs, 24, of the 7th Recon Regiment (17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars) is reported to have died of wounds received in action. The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dabbs, of 192 St. Joseph street, Lachine, Sergeant Dabbs was a well-known hockey player. He went overseas in October, 1941. His father is a Great War veteran. A memorial service will be held in Grace United Church, Lachine, at 3 p.m., Sunday.

Corporal Goldberg, 26, son of Mrs. B. Goldberg, of 5164 Durocher avenue, and the late Joseph Goldberg, previously reported missing, is now for official purposes presumed dead. A member of the 17th Hussars, he was previously wounded at Caen. An older brother, Sgt. Louis Goldberg, R.C.A.F., was killed in action in July, 1941, and a younger brother, Cpl. Ruben Goldberg, is in the Canadian Army.

**SERGEANT
LOUIS GOLDBERG
and
CORPORAL
HARRY GOLDBERG**

SERGEANT LOUIS GOLDBERG, R-56185, R.C.A.F., of Montreal, P.Q., was reported killed in an airplane accident overseas on July 7, 1941, according to an official announcement. He was buried in the Jewish Cemetery at Myrhyr, South Wales. His brother, CORPORAL HARRY GOLDBERG, D-3524, 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars of Montreal, was killed in action on April 26, 1945 (Casualty List No. 873 of May 14, 1945). He was buried at Holten Canadian Military Cemetery, Holland.

Corporal Goldberg enlisted with the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars of Montreal on February 17, 1940. He went overseas a year later with the third contingent. He was wounded at Caen in the summer of 1944 (Casualty List No. 533 of August 5, 1944), and spent three months in hospital. He went back into action and fought through France, Belgium and Holland. Sergeant Goldberg enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in June, 1940, and received his wings at Uplands, Ont., in February, 1941. He went overseas shortly after.

Both were the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goldberg. Sergeant Goldberg was born in 1914 and graduated from Baron Byng High School. His brother was born in 1919. A third brother, Corporal Ruben Goldberg, served in the Canadian Army. He resides at 5164 Durocher Avenue.



Harry Goldberg