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Hynd, Allan

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Transcription:

Hynd, Allan

[clipping] 22 June 1940
 [image] PTE. ALLAN HYND

[clipping] 11 August 1944

DIED OF INJURIES

Cpl. Allan Hynd 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hynd, 230 Ahrens St. W.
CPL. ALLAN HYND

Cpl. Hynd, who earlier this week was reported dangerously wounded, succumbed to his injuries on Aug. 5. His family received the information last night. The telegram did not give any details concerning the wounds.

"A grand fellow" say those who knew him will.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two brothers, William and John at home, and a sister, Mrs. Gordon (Jessie) Scharlock of this city.

[clipping] 14 September, 1944
Kitchener Record

Cpt. Allan Hynd's Company Pays tribute to His Memory

It has now been learned that Cpl. Allan Hynd, 24-year-old N.C.O. of "A" Company, H.L.I., who lost his life on Aug. 5 in France, was killed by a bomb which fell within a few feet of him on that date. Cpl. Hynd was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hynd, 230 Ahrens St. W. Injured at the same time were Lieut. Leslie Hancock, and his brother, Pte. Allan Hancock. In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock, 76 York St., Lieut. Hancock explained the tragedy. "A" Company of the H.L.I. is his charge.

"they pulled our outfit out for a week's rest," he said "and in that time I got on a motorbike and found out where Allan (his brother) was. A couple of days later I got our company jeep and asked Allan Hynd and another lad if he'd like to go, and of course off we went.

HAD 18 WOUNDS

"We got there, to find old Jerry was bothering them with the odd mortar shell, so we found ourselves a place in a ditch in a sunken road, which we thought would be quite safe.

"There were the four of us in line- my driver, Allan Hynd, Allan (Hancock) and myself, just lying there in that order, talking about the war in general and old times, when wham, one landed, a thousand-to-one chance, in the ditch about a yard from the driver's feet. He had one leg almost off and the other pretty badly smashed.

"Allan Hynd got a piece in his head, 16 body wounds, and a leg wound which they finally had to amputate.

"Our Allan was next. He had a hole in his back I could put my thumb and finger in. I got a nick in the back of the head and one in my shin-not serious. I was knocked momentarily senseless by the blast and the piece in my head.

"I came to quickly. Allan Hynd had a bandage already out so I slapped it on his head. The driver kept saying 'my leg, my leg,' so seeing he wasn't hurt in the body, I looked at our Allan, who also had passed out.

SCREAMED FOR STRETCHER

"All this time I was screaming for a stretcher bearer. By this time they were in force, and within five minutes we were on the doctor. He plugged Allan's hole, which definitely saved his life. Allan Hynd outwardly didn't seem so bad, but he was terribly ripped, especially in the chest. The driver lost his leg. They got them off to a hospital. I followed when I got the jeep repaired." Although the boys, the doctors and nurses did all in their power to keep Cpl. Hynd alive, and he fought valiantly himself, he succumbed to the wounds on Aug. 5.

At the request of his sorrowing company, Lieut. Hancock wrote the following letter to Cpl. Hynd's mother:

"Dear Mrs. Hynd: On behalf of the members of "A" Company and myself I would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to yourself and Mr. Hynd, Bill, Jack, Jessie and Gordon over the sad death of Allan.

"I can truly say he was loved by everyone who ever really knew him well. He was a wonderful N.C.O., and he left a gap in our ranks which will be impossible to fill.

"We all prayed and pulled for him. He had the very best medical science could give him, and he really fought for his life and you loved ones at home-but despite everything he slipped away.

"Words cannot express my own feelings about Allan. He'll always remain in my memory as my dearest and best friend and pal.

"We hope you will accept this token of our sincere and deepest sympathy and we all hope and pray that this thing will soon be ended."

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1st Lt. Hancock, a paratrooper, is still in a hospital in France, from which it was deemed unwise to remove him to England. Although the chest wound, result of the mortar fragments which pierced his back, is quite painful, Allan was able to write his parents several brief notes. He is in charge of a chest specialist, who has collapsed one lung in the treatment.

Hynd, Allan

[photograph] 10 August 1944

Allan Hynd killed

[KDRIS]

[N] Cp. Allan Hynd

[HA] 89 Mount Hope St.

[CO] Rubber Worker

[PB] Manchester England

[FME] None

[PR] L/Cpl

[DE] June 4, 1941

[UE] H.L.I. of C.

[MS] Single

[S] A. Hynd

[note] son of Mr. & Mrs. Hynd

[note] ? 24 years

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