

LANCE CORPORAL DAVID SNEDDON BURROWS

Lance Corporal David Sneddon Burrows – Regimental # M104378

Date of Birth: September 16, 1924

Date of Death: February 6, 2014

David was the second oldest son of Robert Burrows and Mary (nee Sneddon)(formerly Polluck) Burrows of Shettleston, Glasgow, Scotland. He had four half-brothers on the Burrows side, Thomas, William, Alexander, Hector Burrows; and two half-brothers on the Pollock side, James and John Pollock and two half-sisters, Catherine and Mae Polluck as well as brothers George and Leslie Burrows and one sister, Helen. In 1927, the Burrows family decided to immigrate to Canada and settled in an area known as Glen Leslie where they purchased the E ½ 12-72-4-W6.

David attended the Somme School from 1931 to 1939 at which time he worked on the family farm until he enlisted with the **Royal Canadian Engineers** on October 14, 1942 in Grande Prairie. He trained in Edmonton at the Prince of Wales Armories until December 1942 when he was transferred to Chilliwack, BC and remained there until September 1943 when he was transferred to Hamilton, ON, returned to Chilliwack, BC and lastly transferred to Truro, NS. David sailed for England where he trained for the Normandy Invasion. He sailed for France on June 6, 1944 and landed at Juno Beach and subsequently was involved in the Battle of Caen in August of 1944. From there, George was transferred to Holland and then back to England for the repatriation process and was discharged in 1945. While in England, he married a lady by the name of Iris and they settled in Grande Prairie after the war where David found employment driving a horse-drawn milk wagon and later worked at Imperial Motors. They had three children, Pete, John and Judy. In 1956, the family returned to England. David and Iris divorced and David returned to Grande Prairie where he resided until he passed away. He was buried in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.



It was a very sad time for the family when Mary Burrows passed away in 1939 at the age of 53. The funeral was held at the Glen Leslie Church. Robert passed away in 1973 at the age of 83; both were buried in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.



"Marching back to an Allied prisoner-of-war camp, German soldiers were surprised to meet none other than General Montgomery himself, the colorful commander of invasion ground forces. Montgomery sits in the jeep, watching Nazis."

Above picture and description, taken in France, was out of a newspaper and given to Helen Horrigan by her brother, David.

**Written by Wanda Zenner
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Reference

Information and pictures provided by Helen (Burrows) Horrigan who gathered the military information from her siblings.
Smoky to Grande Prairie History Book
South Peace Regional Archives

Notes

****No military records to review therefore the writer express no opinion on the content of the military section**
Robert Burrows' first wife - Katherine Paris; Mary Burrows' first husband - John Pollock.**