## Cecil Harold French



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Cecil Harold French was born in Nova Scotia, Canada on June 21 1920. Cecil Harold was an only child. His father's name was Robert French and his mother's name was Belle French. After Cecil was born, his family moved to Hamilton where he attended high school and then the Hamilton Technical School. He then took a job as a wire worker where he planned to work again after the war. Cecil also planned to get married after the war. He enlisted in the military at the age of 20 in 1940.

Cecil took a medical exam once enlisted to the military. The results showed he was 145 lb with 20/20 vision and that he had never had a disease before and had not had any previous medical operations. Cecil Harold French did training at Allanburg in 1940 until he was moved to Niagara in February 11, 1941 and then he was moved again, to Chippawa on April 29, 1941. He stayed there until he was sent to Europe in 1943 which was very late in the war.

Cecil Harold French was killed in action in Germany on April 4, 1945 at the age of 25. He ended his career as a private. He received many honors, awards and medals. One of them is the Canadian Voluntary Service Medal which he received on February 4, 1944. Cecil Harold French is buried at the Holten Canadian War Cemetery. The Cemetery has 1300 Canadians buried in it. Cecil Harold French's Grave is number is Grave Ix.A.5.

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