

Mort en devoir outre-mer pendant la deuxième guerre mondiale 1939-1945
In memory of Sapper EDGAR BLAQUIERE who died on May 14 1945

Military Service :

Service Number : G/18491
Force: Army
Unit: Royal Canadian Engineers
Division: 1 Drilling Coy.

Additional Information :

Commemorated on Page 496 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance.

There is a digital photo collection relating to EDGAR BLAQUIERE.

Burial Information :

Cemetery: HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY Netherlands
Grave Reference: XII. G. 3.

Location :

Holten is a village 20 kilometres east of the town of Deventer on the main A1 motorway from Amsterdam to Bremen in Germany. Following the A1 motorway turn off at exit 26 and follow the N332 in the direction of Holten. Follow the N332 until reaching a signpost for Holterberg. Turn right onto the N344 in the direction of Holten then at the T junction turn left towards Holten and follow this road to the roundabout. Take second exit then turn first right towards Holterberg. Follow this road uphill until you see a green Commission sign pointing to the right. Turn right down the track and follow to the end. Turn left and the cemetery lies along here on the left hand side.

Historical Information :

The Netherlands fell to the Germans in May 1940 and was not re-entered by Allied forces until September 1944. The great majority of those buried in Holten Canadian War Cemetery died during the last stages of the war in Holland during the advance of the Canadian 2nd Corps into northern Germany and across the Ems in April and the first days of May 1945. After the end of hostilities the remains of over 1,300 Canadian soldiers were brought together into this cemetery.

Information courtesy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.