

Sergeant Howard Arnold Jones

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

Family Life

Howard Arnold Jones was born on December 25, 1923, in Neyaashiinigmiing (Cape Croker), to Lizzette Tobias and John Jones. He had six siblings.

Prior to the war, he worked as a truck driver, plasterer, and farmhand and was well liked in the community

Military Service

Sergeant Jones joined the military in 1943, at the age of 19. He trained extensively in Canada before being transferred to England in 1944. Sergeant Jones was transferred to France on June 10, and saw action in France, Holland, and Germany during the Northwest Campaign.



Decorations

- 1939-1945 Star
- France-Germany Star
- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp

During the Battle of Normandy he was wounded by shrapnel in July 1944, but recovered and returned to the unit after convalescing in the United Kingdom. Sergeant Jones was mentioned in Dispatches for outstanding service at Falaise. His heroism was mentioned in an *Owen Sound Daily Sun Times* article about the Canadian Army's advance into Germany in 1945. Sergeant Jones was commended by Field Marshal Montgomery for exceptional sniper work near Cologne.

Sergeant Howard Arnold Jones was killed in action on April 25, 1945. He was interred in Holten Canadian War Cemetery, Holten, Netherlands.

As part of the 8th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, the Queen's Own Rifles (QOR) of Canada landed first wave on D-Day and fought numerous battles throughout the Battle of Normandy. Sergeant Jones joined the Queen's Own Rifles in the field in July 1944. He was wounded in the shoulder and wrist on July 29th by a shell blast and returned to the QOR in October. He would serve with the regiment through the Battles of the Scheldt and Rhineland and into the Netherlands where he was killed in April 1945.