

Trooper John Herbert Hardy was killed in action in Belgium on September 14th, 1944. He was born in in the township of Ops eighteen years ago. During the early years of his life he attended Rural School No. 11, in Ops Township. Following this he attended Central School in Lindsay where he took the work of Grade 8. After spending two years at the Lindsay Collegiate Institute he entered the C.P.R. telegraph office in Lindsay to study telegraphy. While there, he decided to join the Armed Forces and became a Wireless operator in the Tank Corps. He enlisted at Kingston, but took his basic training in the city of Peterborough. At the conclusion of his basic training he was transferred to Camp Borden and from there left this country to serve Overseas. His final leave in Canada was the weekend of February 6th of this year, and he arrived in England on February 26th, 1944. Just prior to this time on January 9th, 1944, John followed his Lord in baptism. Owing to the fact that he was unable to be present on the next Communion Sunday he was given the right hand of fellowship into the Church at the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 1944. When last heard from he was with a British Columbia Tank Corps acting as wireless operator

Rev. P. C. Reed paid tribute to John Hardy in these words:

1. At such a time the mind turns to the Picture of Jesus with His face toward Jerusalem and His work to be accomplished on the cross.

2. Our hero John was not forced to go to this war. He volunteered. His wish was that he might be a Lindsay Hardy representative in this world fight for freedom.

3. This young hero proudly died in action. He did what he left home to do. He fell in battle with his face toward the foe.

“As I pondered the desire of John to make open confession of His Lord in baptism I could not help but link it to this very sound advice of a mature man to a young Christian soldier just on the threshold of life. “Fight the good fight of faith; Lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou are also called and hast professed a good profession”

4. He went forward overseas as a true Christian soldier. Before he left us he freely and fully made open confession of Christ in Baptism and Church Membership.

In proud remembrance this church does honor today to one of its youngest church members, to our young patriot to our dear and heroic family son, church son and community son and brother."

"Although I personally did not have the opportunity to know John I gather from those who did that he was courageous, unselfish, generous in spirit, humble, a lover of home, and therefore a good and loyal soldier.

"We desire at this service to pay our respects to his memory To his mother and father, his sisters Joyce and Mrs. Chas. Kennedy, and to all who are related to the family we sincerely express the prayer that God's grace may uplift and be found sufficient at all times.

Text: "Fight the good fight of faith; Lay hold on eternal life whereunto thou are also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. — 1 Tim. 6:12.

HONOR MEMORY OF

TIPR. JOHN HARDY