

WW II Enlisted Men & Women of Whitewater Region Project

Private Wilson Adison Costello

Wilson Adison COSTELLO, son of **Simeon Wilson COSTELLO** and **Laurel Jean 'Jenny' FAUGHT**, was born on 18 Mar 1922 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. He was the 5th of 6 children: Albert, Donald, Taman, Wilson (infant), Laurel McCann, Wilson Adison and Charlotte. Wilson's father Simeon was born in Westmeath Twp., and his mother was born in Wilberforce Twp. After the children were born, the family moved to Carleton Place.¹

According to his enlistment papers, Wilson attended school in Carleton Place including one year of high school. He then worked as a laborer at Carleton Place Dairy².



Image 1: Pte. Costello³

Wilson enlisted on Sep 18, 1941 at Ottawa, just three months after his father was accidentally killed. Wilson was described as 5' 10 ½ " tall, weighing 137 pounds with medium complexion, hazel eyes & brown hair. He listed his next of kin and beneficiary as his mother Jean.²

Pte. Wilson Costello underwent training at Ottawa and Camp Borden with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps (RCAMC). He disembarked in the UK on Mar 29, 1942 and served there until June 1944. He was sent to France on D-Day, June 6, 1944 and served with the 23rd Field Ambulance (RCAMC).^{2,4} On Jul 24, 1944, Pte. Wilson Adison Costello was killed in action against the enemy near Bourguebus, Departement du Calvados, Basse-Normandie, France, and buried close by. His remains were later moved to Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, Reviere, Departement du Calvados, Basse-Normandie, France.^{2,3,6,7}

Pte. Costello is also commemorated in Carleton Place with a street named in his honor.³ His name is also engraved on the Carleton Place Cenotaph^{3,8}, the Beachburg War Memorial¹⁰ and the Westmeath War Memorial¹¹. Posthumously, he was awarded the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.²

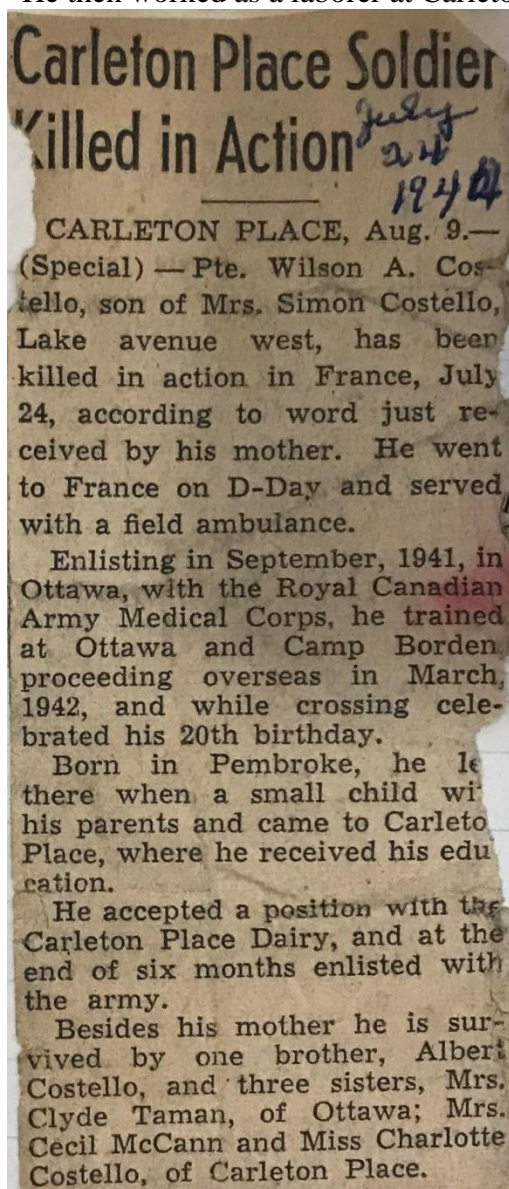


Image 2: Killed in Action⁴

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Image 3: Pte. Costello killed⁵



Image 4: Gravestone³



Image 5: Carleton Place Cenotaph⁸

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