

Edward Charles Rawlings

Who Was Edward Charles Rawlings? By: Briana Figol-Williams



Edward Charles Rawlings in the 48th Highlanders



This is a picture is from the Battle of Gemmano on September 4

Birth? Graduation?
Death?

The Battle Of Gemmano

Veterans Affairs Canada. "Canadian Virtual War Memorial." *Health and Well Being - Services - Veterans Affairs Canada*, The Government Of Canada, 26 Oct. 2018, www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2068522.

"A good show. Gemmano full of dead and smells like another casino".

Edward was born on November 13th Wednesday 1907. He graduated from Westmount High school in Quebec from 1923-1924. He died at the age of 36 on the battlefield of Gemmano in Italy on September the 4th 1944.

It all started at the Gothic Line (In German: Gotenstellung and In Italian: Linea Gotica) in Italy and it was created by the Germans as a defensive line for the Italian campaign during the Second World War. The General of this operation was Sir Harold Alexander and his fear was that the allies would use amphibious landings* as a way to rule out their defense's.* (Tanks that go under water and attack on the beach without getting stuck.) Between September 3rd and 4th was when **The First Battle of Coriano** took place. The first interactions began when the Canadians attacked Riccione and Besanigo. The Canadians mission was mostly

the frontline of Coriano to Croce. The battle took a span of 2 days and ended on the evening of September 5th.

The Battle Of Gemmano was one of



the most deadliest out of the three. It lasted from September 4th to the 15th 1944. The battle was between the Germans and British and it consisted of 4 total attacks, but the actual village was taken over on September 9th. The platoons (British) mission was to attack and capture Gemmano.

"The Battle Of Gemmano." *Gemmano...1944 - The Battles*, aries46.tripod.com/gemmoliv.htm.

Gemmano...1944 - The Battles, aries46.tripod.com/gemmbatt.htm.

Graves Registration Report Form.						
COMPLINE: ITALY		REPORT No.:	SCHEDULE No.:			
PLACE OF BURIAL: ANZIO WAR CEMETERY.		Land belongs to:				
The following are buried here:		Signature	Date			
P.F.O.	No. and Rank	Initials, Name & Honours	Unit	Date of Death	For works use	
1.P.2	Capt.	D.B. MARCHESI	4th Bn. Princess Patricia's Dragoon	15.1.45	R.C.C.	
1.P.3	Pvt.	D.J. DOUGHERTY	Royal Canadian Regt. C.I.C.	4.9.44		
1.P.4	Pvt.	G.A. GLENNON	Royal Canadian Regt. C.I.C.	4.9.44		
1.P.5	Op3.	J.O. ABBEAGE	Royal Canadian Regt. C.I.C.	3.9.44		
1.P.6	Pvt.	E.O. DONNELL	Royal Canadian Regt. C.I.C.	3.9.44		
1.P.7	Pvt.	H.D. DEAL	Royal Canadian Regt. C.I.C.	4.9.44		
1.P.8	1st Op3.	J.A. HADDOCHAD	Royal Canadian Regt. C.I.C.	3.9.44		
1.P.9	1st Op3.	W.D. HADDOCHAD	Royal Canadian Regt. C.I.C.	3.9.44		
1.P.10	Sgt.	S.O. RAWLINGS	4th Bn. Princess Patricia's Dragoon	4.9.44		
1.P.11	Capt.	E. FORT	1st A/Sq. Regt. Royal Canadian Artillery	4.9.44		
1.P.12	Capt.	J.B. WRIGHT	2nd Pld. Regt. R.C.A.	4.9.44		
1.P.13	Capt.	J. DOUGHERTY	3rd Pld. Regt. R.C.A.	4.9.44		

This is the records of the cemetery and the date's of death.

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Cemetery Information

Where he died. Where he went.

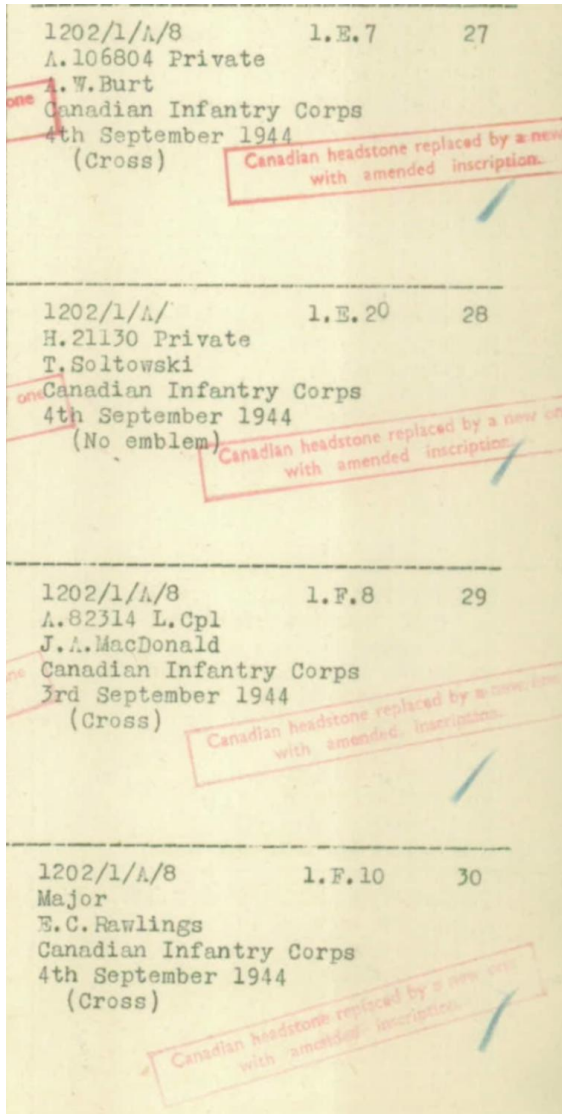
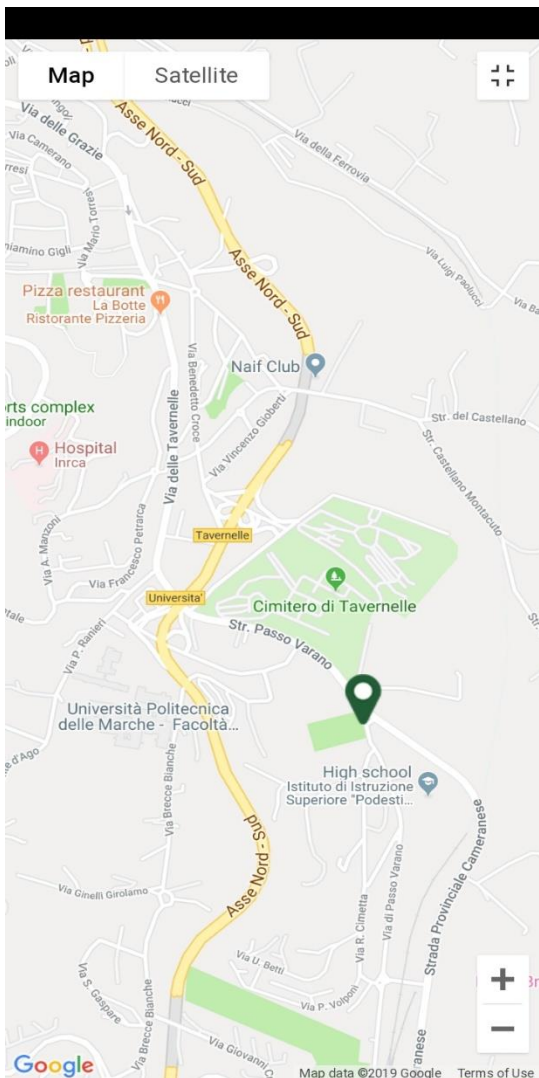
“Cemetery Information.” *Casualty*, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2068522/rawlings,-edward-charles/.

Location: Italy, Acona Cemetery

The Number Of Casualties: 967

Memorial Reference: I.F.10

Serial No.	Grave No.	Name and Initials	Rank	Date of Death	Personnel File No.	Date of Birth	Post No.	Remarks
10748	10748	EDWARD C. RAWLINGS	Private	4th Sept 1944	10748	1914	10748	



48th Highlanders

“Glamour Boys, The forth Dozen, The Famous 48th...”

“48th Highlanders of Canada.” *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 26 Dec. 2018, en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/48th_Highlanders_of_Canada.

48th Highlanders

Location: Downtown Toronto.

Active: from 16th October 1891 to present day.

Infantry: foot soldiers

Size: battalion.

Their nicknames: glamour boys, 4th dozen, the famous 48th.

They were part of: XXXII Canadian brigade group.

This regiment was most known for their participation in the two world wars and the Boers War. They had an alliance with the regiment of Scotland, which officially makes their relationship one of the oldest alliances in the Commonwealth.



The 48th Highlanders also had other names. They were also known as the glamour boys and the four dozen, but their names had stories behind them. They got the name, glamour boys, because of something the Vith King liked. During World War II, soldiers had to wear leg wrappings because there weren't enough of the color that they needed. So they put on blue puttees, which earned them a like from the King. And from so on that's why they were named the glamour boys. They got their name four dozen, because 4 x 12 does = 48.

In total they have three rules to maintain which are:

- Linking civilian lives together.
- Having members around the world.
- Having earned 49 battle honors.