



# Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of  
**Lance Corporal  
John Gordon Beaton**  
who died on 25 Jun 1945

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## Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWII
<i>Service</i>	Army
<i>Unit</i>	Royal Canadian Engineers
<i>Rank</i>	Lance Corporal
<i>Service number</i>	L91616
<i>Date of death</i>	19450625
<i>Cause of death</i>	died of non-combat causes

## Narrative history

L91616 Lance Corporal (20 Field Co., Royal Canadian Engineers) (John) Gordon Beaton (b.1914) of Prince died 19450625 and is buried at Groesbeek Canadian war cemetery near Nijmegen, Gelderland, Netherlands. Beaton died of alcohol poisoning after he and some mates inadvisedly whipped up some home brew based on methyl alcohol. He was the son of Jonathan and Grace Beaton who farmed at Prince. Gordon was born at North Battleford and was buying grain for Searle when he enlisted at Saskatoon in 1942. His brothers Frank and Robert also served in the Army (Robert overseas) while younger brother Kenneth was in the Navy.

## Memorial information

<i>Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration</i>	468 - Meota
<i>Grave or memorial location</i>	Groesbeek Canadian war cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands (Link to Commonwealth War Graves Commission web page: <a href="http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/2063900/GROESBEEK%20CANADIAN%20WAR%20CEMETERY">http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/2063900/GROESBEEK%20CANADIAN%20WAR%20CEMETERY</a> )
<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	Meota
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	Beaton Lake
<i>Geo-memorial location</i>	53.8,-102.183333333333
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	63E16

## Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	19141215
<i>Place of birth</i>	North Battleford
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19420506
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Saskatoon
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Prince
<i>Occupation</i>	grain buyer

## Links to external web pages

[Memorial - Meota](#)

<http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/nic-inm/sm-rm/mdsr-rdr-eng.asp?PID=2392>



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