



Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of
Trooper
Lee Irwin Preston
who died on 11 Jun 1944

Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWII
<i>Service</i>	Army
<i>Unit</i>	1st Hussars
<i>Rank</i>	Trooper
<i>Service number</i>	B61456
<i>Date of death</i>	19440611
<i>Cause of death</i>	killed in action



Narrative history

B61456 Trooper (1st Hussars) Lee Irwin Preston (b.1913) of Val-d'Or, MRC de Vallée-de-l'Or, Québec, was KIA 19440611 and is buried at Bény-sur-Mer Canadian war cemetery near Reviere, Calvados, France. Preston's Sherman tank was set ablaze and he was taken prisoner near Bretteville-l'Orgueilleuse. He was among the 17 unarmed Saskatchewan POWs executed in cold blood by the 12th SS Panzer Division, see the note on The Hitler Youth following DT Moloney in Age Shall Not Weary Them. Lee was born at Greenway, Manitoba, and was working as a miner near Val-d'Or when he travelled to Toronto, Ontario, to enlist in 1941.

Brother of DP Preston. They were the only sons of John Roy and Maude Carrie (Irwin) Preston who came from Belt, Cascade Co., Montana, to homestead NW30-14-26-W3 east of Golden Prairie in 1912.

Memorial information

<i>Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration</i>	141 - Big Stick
<i>Grave or memorial location</i>	Bény-sur-Mer Canadian war cemetery, Calvados, France (Link to Commonwealth War Graves Commission web page: http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/2004600/BENY-SUR-MER%20CANADIAN%20WAR%20CEMETERY,%20REVIERS)
<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	-----
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	Preston Lake
<i>Geo-memorial location</i>	55.3166666666667,-103.05
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	63M6



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Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	19130122
<i>Place of birth</i>	Greenway, Manitoba
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19410512
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Toronto, Ontario
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Val-d'Or, MRC de Vallée-de-l'Or, Québec
<i>Occupation</i>	miner

PDF documents on the Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial web site

[Attestation](#)

https://svwm.ca/images/wc_ww2/n_s/Preston LI B61456 - 1.pdf

[Family history form](#)

https://svwm.ca/images/wc_ww2/n_s/Preston LI B61456 - 2.pdf

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https://svwm.ca/images/wc_ww2/n_s/Preston LI B61456 - 3.pdf

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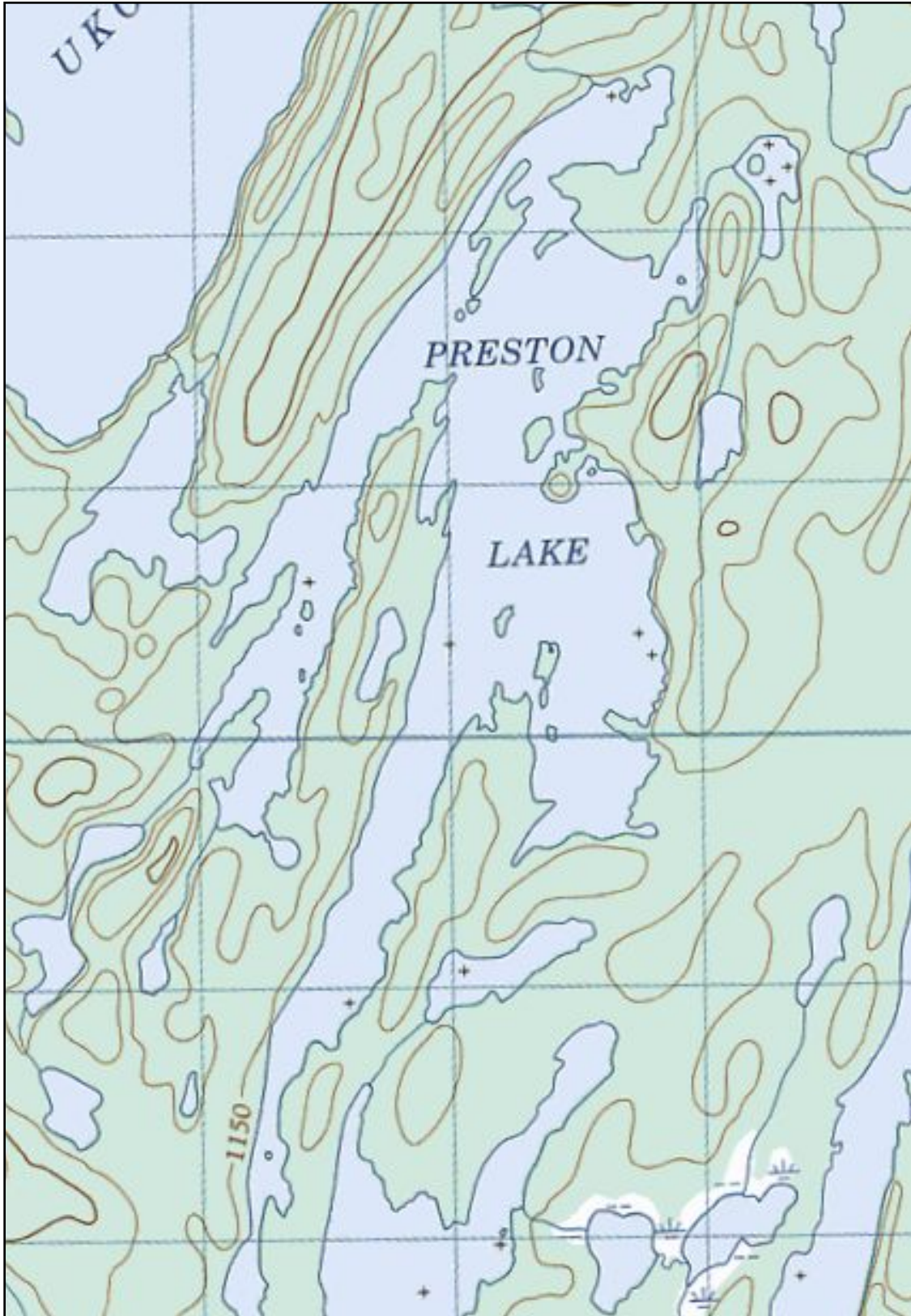
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Photo of Preston Lake



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55°19' N, 103°03' W

Preston Lake

Named in Memory of



Lee Irwin Preston

1st Hussars Regiment
Trooper, B61456
Executed as Prisoner
June 11, 1944
Age 33
Buried in France



David Porter Preston

Regina Rifle Regiment
Sergeant, L27591
Killed in Action
April 30, 1945
Age 26
Buried in Holland

Brothers from Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan ~ On Active Service To Their Country

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