



In Memoriam

CALKOEN, Charles Mari Cornelis (1939 - 1959) Age: 19

[UNT D CATARAQUI 1956 U-12460]

Charles Calkoen was born on July 4th, 1939 in Sumatra, the son of Albrecht Fredrik Calkoen, who was then a practising lawyer. During the War years, from 1942 on, the father was a Major and later Judge Advocate for the Royal Netherlands East Indies Army. Post-War the father was in the Dutch Diplomatic Service in London (1946-1949), Belgrade (1951-1954), Ottawa (1954-1958) and Moscow (1958-1960). He was then Ambassador to Bangkok (1961-1965), Warsaw (1965-1970), New Delhi (1970-1973) and he ended his career as Ambassador in Athens (1973-1978).

While the family were in Ottawa, Charles attended Ashbury College and entered Queen's and the UNT D in the fall of '56.

On June 30, 1959 the Ottawa papers were full of news of QEII's Royal Visit, the entourage arriving in town that day. Also reported on that day was the death of Charles Calkoen, in a single vehicle car crash a number of miles out of town. His father was then on Service in Moscow.

We have virtually nil on Charles' UNT D service, but in the Jan 1st, 1960 Cdn Navy List, the Navy declared him as a Cadet RCN(R) "Released Dead" effective June 30, 1959. The Navy did have a way with words, didn't they ?

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