It is stated that Pte. Olesen, who was a member of the Midland Regiment stationed at Prince Rupert, B.C., was engaged in night manoeuvres when a Bren gun carrier slipped over an embankment and fell into a few feet of water. The young soldier was pinned beneath the carrier.

Pte. Olesen was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Olesen, of Coboconk.