

Albert Beausoleil

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Albert was born on August 8, 1920 in Morse Fork (New York, USA), to Joseph and Maria Beausoleil (both American) from Montreal. They were married on November 12, 1919 in Hemmingford, Quebec. It was a Roman Catholic family and its brothers were Pese, Floyd (who served in the Canadian Navy), Maurice and Clovis Beausoleil.

He spoke English and French well and could also write French. After 7 years of elementary school, he left school at the age of 16, as was quite common at the time. He was a sporty boy who loved various sports such as ice hockey, skating, tennis, pool billiards and fishing. He loved dancing and occasionally watching a movie at the cinema. His father had a small transport company where

he was a driver for six years.

He enlisted in the Canadian Army in Montreal on April 26, 1941. Shortly after the failed Raid on Dieppe in August 1942, he was assigned to the regiment Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal (FMR). Shortly after joining the service, he is on leave several times. Also, at one point he did not have his equipment in order. He is so often absent that he is classified as a deserter. As a penalty, he will receive 14 days of house arrest (in the barracks) and will therefore no longer receive a pay until the damage to his equipment (\$58.51) has been compensated.

He then went overseas to the United Kingdom on June 11, 1942. After several months of training, he was transferred to Northwest Europe on December 31, 1944. He then took part in the further advance and fierce battles of his regiment through Northwest Europe.

Albert was killed on Thursday, April 12, 1945 at the age of 24 during the battle for Beilen. He was then temporarily buried there before being reburied in Holten on March 21, 1946.

His tombstone says: BELOVED SON OF J.M. BEAUSOLEIL
MONTREAL, CANADA

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star;
Defence Medal; War Medal 1939-45; CVSM & Clasp.

His mother was honoured with The Memorial Bar on May 1, 1945.

