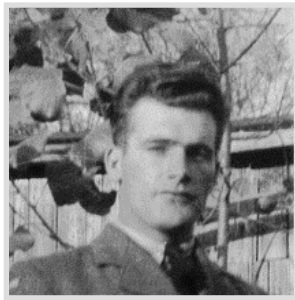


Bedard, Raoul Eugene

Rifleman

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Raoul was born on October 23 1918 in Manchester, New Hampshire USA, the son of Joseph Godias and Maria Rose Anna Bedard nee Gagnon of Chauvin Alberta. They were married on December 26 1907 in New Market New Hampshire USA. His brothers were Trefflé, Armand and Albert (RCAF overseas) Bedard.

He was a farmer and member of the Roman Catholic Church. He spoke English and French. He visited the public school for seven years.

He served from July 23 1940 till May 27 1942 with the RCA 19 Alberta Dragoons M 405522 of the Non-Permanent Militia of Canada and he enlisted on May 28 1942 then the army in Edmonton and he went on July 29 1943 thereafter overseas to the UK.

He went on October 17 1944 afterwards to Belgium. He was involved then with the further advance and fierce battles of his regiment through further NW Europe.

Raoul was killed in action on Tuesday April 10 1945 age 26 during the battle of Deventer. He was temporarily buried then at the churchyard of a catholic church in Deventer before being reburied on January 26 1946 in Holten.

On his headstone: AYEZ PITIE DE NOUS, VOUS DU MOINS QUI ETES NOS AMIS

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

His mother was awarded on June 4 1945 The Memorial Bar.

He served with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

