

Belair, Lucien

Sergeant

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Lucien was born on April 24 1919 in Montreal, the son of Amedee (deceased) and Hazel Belair of Nominingue Quebec. He was married on April 18 1942 in Montreal with Margaret Belair of Douglastown Quebec and their son was Joseph Patrick Kevin Belair (born in 1943). His brothers were George, Raymond, Paul, John, Edward, Pierre and Gaston Belair. His sisters were Mary and Antoinette Belair. Their other brother Leo Belair was already killed in action on July 20 1944 age 19 and he was buried then at the Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in France in

grave 13-G-3.

He was a driver and also worked in the wood industry and he was responsible for searching for the right wood for feneers. He was member of the Roman Catholic Church and he spoke and read English and French. He visited the high school Commercial for 9 years.

He served from May 13 1941 with le Regiment de Chateauguay of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada. He enlisted on June 24 1941 the the army in St Jerome and he did a lot of army training after that among others also some time at Newfoundland. He went on January 17 1945 at last overseas to the UK and he went on April 7 1945 finally then to NW Europe. He was involved afterwards then with the further advance and fierce battles of his regiment through NW Europe.

Lucien was killed in action on Sunday April 29 1945 age 26 (just about three weeks after his arrival in NW Europe) during the battle of Oldenburg NW Germany and he was temporarily buried then in Kirchhatten NW Germany before being reburied on March 14 1946 in Holten.

On his headstone: MAY THE SOUL OF MY DEAR HUSBAND THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. WIFE AND SON

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

His mother and widow were awarded The Memorial Bar on June 14 1945.

He served with the Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal.

