

Bellefontaine, Lawrence Frederick Guardsman 9-C-14



Lawrence was born on January 8 1921 in West Chezzetcook Nova Scotia, the son of Celestin and Mary Alice Bellefontaine of West Chezzetcook. They were married on January 15 1907 in West Chezzetcook. His brothers were Gordon J., Robert J (overseas) and Earl A. Bellefontaine and his sister was Laura Roman.

He was a carpenter and member of the Roman Catholic Church. He completed grade VIII and left school at the age of 16 and he visited later the high school for one year.

He enlisted on February 22 1943 in Halifax Nova Scotia and he went on May 6 1944 thereafter overseas to the UK. He went on July 30 1944 then to France. He was involved afterwards with the further advance and fierce battles of his regiment through NW Europe.

Lawrence was killed in action on Tuesday April 10 1945 age 24 during the battle of the Küstenkanal NW Germany. He was temporarily buried then in Börger NW Germany before being reburied on March 15 1946 in Holten.

On his headstone: ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO HIM, O LORD; AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

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

His mother was awarded on May 17 1945 The Memorial Bar.

He served with The Governor General's Foot Guards-21st Armd. Regt.

