Pte Arthur Alfred Boucher   10-A-2

Arthur was born on September 26, 1922 in Meota Saskatchewan to Richard Alfred and Blanche Pauline Boucher-Beauchamp of Biggar Saskatchewan. His mother was a First Nation (Cree, according to the 1901 census). There are few details about his father's history, except that he was a French Canadian. His brother was Harris Theodore Boucher and his sisters were Elva Gertrude, Doris Elizabeth, Eulce Alison, Rhoda Beatrice and Geraldine Blanche Boucher. The Boucher family were members of the Church of England.

He attended school until the age of 15 and obtained grade 8. He had a great interest in all kinds of sports and ice hockey in particular. Arthur was a skilled player and during the winter season he was often found on the ice rink. At the time of his enlistment he was working as an assistant electrician in a war material factory.

Arthur enlisted in Toronto on January 28, 1943 and then went overseas to Gourock, Scotland on July 22, 1943. On July 25, 1944 he was transported to France. Arthur took part with his regiment, the Lincoln & Welland Regiment, in the further advance through NW Europe and fought in several fierce battles. Arthur was killed on Saturday April 21, 1945 at the age of 22 during the fierce battle of Friesoythe (NW Germany) and he was then temporarily buried there before being reburied in Holten on March 9, 1946.

On his gravestone: REST IN PEACE

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

His mother was awarded The Memorial Cross on June 4, 1945.

Boucher Island in Saskatchewan is named in his honor.