

Bouvier Maurice Alfred

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Maurice was born as the second youngest of the seven children in the family of Elphie and Anna Bouvier, both from Bottina, North Dakota USA. After marrying in 1910, they moved to Canada in 1913 and established a farm in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. Maurice was also born there on January 14, 1923. Before him were already 3 boys and 2 girls born and after him followed his youngest brother, who was 7 years younger.

After graduating grade 10, Maurice left school at 17 to work on his parents' farm. When he in October 1943 in Regina, Sask. enlisted in the army he had worked on the farm for almost 4 years and he also had plans to become a farmer

after returning from the war.

Maurice spoke English and French and the Bouvier family was Roman Catholic.

After his enlistment, Maurice was sent to Dundurn, Sask. a month later for his training. He stayed there until July 13, 1944, after which he was shipped to the United Kingdom. It was not until February 21, 1945 that he came to Northwestern Europe to take an active part in the battle.

Less than two months later, on April 15, Maurice was killed in combat near Friesoythe near Oldenburg (D) at the age of 22. He was a guardsman with the Canadian Grenadier Guards - 22nd Armoured Regiment.

His awards include: 1939-45 Star; France-Germany Star; Defense Medal; War Medal and CVSM & Clasp.

After the war, Bouvier Lake in Saskatchewan was named after him.

