

## Pte Cecil Raymond Budden

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Cecil was born June 6, 1923 in Butte, Alberta. His father was Edwin William Budden, his mother Ann Florence died before the end of WWII. Cecil had 2 older brothers, 1 younger and 4 younger sisters. The Budden family were members of the Church of England. Cecil went to school until he was 15 and achieved "grade 7".

He was working on his father's farm when he enlisted in the Army in Calgary on September 29, 1943. He then went overseas to the United Kingdom on July 19, 1944. On August 5, 1944 he was sent to France to be deployed in the liberation struggle. He took part in the further advance of his regiment, the South Saskatchewan Regiment, through northwestern Europe. With his regiment he fought in, among others, Zeeland (NL), the Hochwald (D), Eastern Netherlands, Groningen (NL) and Oldenburg (D).

Cecil was killed on Monday April 30, 1945 at the age of 21 during the battle for Oldenburg NW Germany. He was then temporarily buried in Kirchhatten NW Germany before being reburied in Holten on March 12, 1946.

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

