

## Rfn Joseph Chalifaux

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Joseph was born May 17, 1918 in Kinuso, Alberta to Joe (died 1936) and Katie Chalifaux (died 1918) and both French Canadian. As a baby, when his mother died, he was adopted by Bernard Potskin. Bernhard Potskin was married to his aunt. In all documents Mr. Potskin is his next of kin as stepfather.

Joseph went to school until the age of 15, worked as a casual laborer and a trapper. He also helped at home on the farm. He spoke English and Cree.

He enlisted in Kinuso on June 19, 1941 and then went overseas to the United Kingdom on December 16, 1941 to receive further training for his military job. On June 23, 1944, Joseph was deployed to combat in Europe. He took part in the advance of his regiment, the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, in France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Joseph was killed on Saturday, April 7, 1945 at the age of 26 during the Battle of Deventer. He was then temporarily buried in the hamlet of Oxe near Deventer before being reburied on December 19, 1945 in Holten.

On his tombstone: REST IN PEACE. ALWAYS IN MY MEMORY, DEAR SON. FATHER

His grave was adopted after the war by Mr. B.J. Tukkers from Holten.

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

His name is mentioned on a plaque in the former village of Colmschate, now part of Deventer.

