

Cpl Edward Alec Demeria

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Edward was born on September 9, 1922, in St Rose Manitoba, the son of Albert Edward Demeria (French descent) and Louise Mildred Demeria (English descent) of Makinak, Manitoba. Edward married Elizabeth Agatha Buckmeier of West Edmonton on January 27, 1943 in Spruce Grove, Alberta and they had a daughter, Betty Louise, who was born on August 11, 1943. Elizabeth later remarried as Mrs. Chouinard. Edward's six brothers are Robert, Gilbert, Godfrey, Albert, Laurence, and Cyril.

His three sisters are Lorraine, Helen and Joy. The Demeria family was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Edward left school at the age of 14 and went to work as a farmer.

He enlisted in Edmonton on April 9, 1943 and after military training in Calgary and Debert then went overseas to the United Kingdom on December 22, 1943. On March 13, 1944 he was sent to Italy with his regiment, the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. A year later, after the Nazis had largely expelled from Italy, on March 15, 1945, Edward and his unit were shipped to France, to move on from Marseille to the Netherlands and be deployed there. Edward took part in the advance through the east of the Netherlands. He was supposed to go to England on leave at the beginning of April 1945, but he was called back for fighting at the front.

Edward was killed barely two weeks later on Thursday April 12, 1945 at the age of 22, near the village of Wilp after crossing the IJssel (Operation CannonsHOT). He was temporarily buried in Gorssel before he found his final resting place in Holten on January 4, 1946.

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

His widow and mother were awarded The Memorial Bar on May 1945.

Demeria Lake, southeastern of Ransom Lake in Manitoba was named in his honor in 1996

