

## Theophile Dupere

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Theophile was born June 1, 1923, in Campbellton, New Brunswick, the son of Edouard and Maria Dupere, both French Canadians from Campbellton, and married October 23, 1917, in their hometown. In addition to Theophile, they had 3 more children: sons Roger and Louis Philippe, daughter Anna Marie and married daughter Hermande Barney. The Dupere family was Roman Catholic.

Theophile left school at the age of 15. He was French-speaking and at the time of his application he was employed as a store clerk in his hometown of Lac des Aigles Cte Rimouski, Quebec.

Theophile previously served at an NRMA Clearing Depot and enlisted in the army in Quebec on September 13, 1943 at the age of 20. After training in Valcatier, Quebec, among others, he went overseas to the United Kingdom on January 10, 1945. Theophile was then sent to the battlefield in the Netherlands on April 7, 1945. He was assigned to the Regiment de la Chaudiere, which was involved in heavy fighting during the liberation of Zutphen. The battle in and around Zutphen cost the lives of eleven men from his regiment. After the liberation of Zutphen, the Regiment de la Chaudiere was ordered to advance through East Groningen towards Leer (D). On April 25, 1945, Theophile was killed at the age of 21 in one of the battles south of Leer (D). He had just been active at the front for two and a half weeks.

He was temporarily buried near Weener, on the border with Groningen, in northwest Germany. On March 27, 1946, Theophile Dupere was reburied in Holten.

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Star; War Medal.

