



Craftsman Valmont Joseph LE BLANC

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Craftsman Valmont Joseph Le Blanc was born on March 23, 1923 . He served at The 5th Armoured Brigade Workshop , Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers . He died on October 25, 1945 . He

was the son of Jacques and Hilda Le Blanc Charter , New Brunswick .

Valmont had lied about his age and enlisted in the army when he was still a minor . His widowed mother was reported that he was refused . However, when he was old enough , he volunteered again. When Valmont joined he received training in various parts of Canada and then went by ship to England , where he received further training before being involved in military action . Valmont five brothers were in the service in World War II. Brother Ernest , who was a tank commander , also fought in the Netherlands. In the Netherlands, Ernest met a Dutch woman he planned to married her. She was Elizabeth van Gerven from Eindhoven . They both returned to live in Canada.

Valmont fought in Italy , France , Belgium , Germany , Austria , Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands. In the Netherlands he fought in Wells, Apeldoorn and the area

around Arnhem . His regiment also fought in the province of Groningen and in the Delfzijl Pocket .

Valmont was a courier , one of a small group of men who delivered posts per engine . Messages that were supposed to be too dangerous sending by radio or telephone. For some time Valmont stayed with his brother Ernest in the Netherlands in private rooms , where they were treated with respect. Both admired the culture and nature of the Dutch citizens and recognize fully the hardships that the Dutch people had to endure . The irony of fate is that Valmont was killed in a motorcycle accident in Groningen, after the war, shortly before he was to return to Canada. On the day he died, it was intended that he visit his brother Ernest and Elizabeth , the future wife of Ernest. Unfortunately, he died on that day and so Elizabeth has never seen her brother in law. Valmont mother, Hilda, who was a widow with 11 children and 37 years old, expecting that her son would come safely back home lost partially by the shock of the news of the death of Valmont.

