

Veinett, James Robert. Private

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Born November 12, 1925 in Verdun, Quebec.
Son of James Rodney and Linda Veinett.

He had three brothers: Marven Rodney; Ross Stewart and Brian Joseph.

His 2 sisters were apparently already married, they were called: resp. Mrs M.S. Zype and Mrs. H.P. Meyers.

He worked in the office of A. McKim Advertising.



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He was a member of The Church of England.

On January 11, 1943, not yet 18 years old, he enlisted.

Before that, he had been active as a volunteer for a few months with the 3rd battalion of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada.

Initial training at the district depot was followed by a transfer to a training center at Farnham in May 1943.

Afterwards he was sufficiently trained to be transferred to the Midland Regiment in Prince Rupert.

Meanwhile promoted to Lance/Corporal, he remained there until November 1944, then the unit was transferred to Victoria.

Here he stayed until the end of June 1944.

Following on he was then transferred to the RCASC (Royal Canadian Army Service Corps), Food and Housing Section, in Esquimalt.

At the end of November he had a few days' leave before traveling to Debert in anticipation of his departure for the United Kingdom.

Somewhat surprisingly, he was apparently demoted to the rank of soldier. Possibly as a result of having been "Absent without Leave" (AWL) for a number of times.

He arrived in England on the 26th of December 1944.

Assigned to a reinforcement unit, he remained there until February 10, 1945.

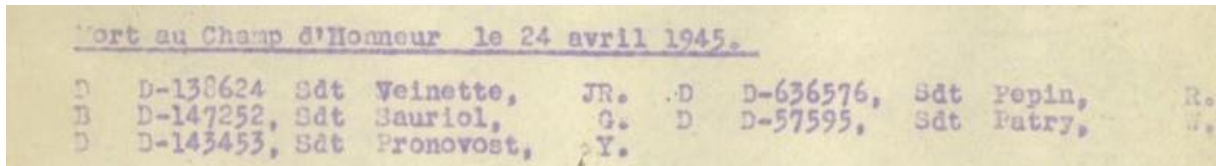
Then he made the crossing to the mainland of Europe.

Taken on strength by Le Régiment de la Chaudière as of March 3, 1945.

He was reported "Killed in Action" on April 24, 1945.

The regiment was on its way from the Winschoten area in the Netherlands into Germany. Their assignment: to "clear" the road to the city of Bunde.

Although the War Diary mentioned little about the resistance encountered and the fighting, the regiment suffered 6 deaths that day.



It is striking that the headquarters advances close behind the troops. There is a report of continued shelling of the HQ.

And Veinette's death has been reported as: "on strength of Forces H.Q."

It was recorded that he was given a temporary grave in front of a school in Heide/Stapelmoor. A hamlet near Weener D, (landkreis Leer)

In March 1946 he was reburied at the CWGC Holten Canadian War Cemetery.
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NO. D.138624	Rank Private	Name VEINETT, James Robert
Unit	Regt. de La Chaudière	Date of death 24th April, 1945.
Died at	Germany	
Cause	Killed in action.	
Death occurred on strength of Forces H.Q.	405-V-4016	
N/K	Mr. James Veinett,	Relationship Father
Address	3800 Lasalle Boulevard, Verduh, Quebec.	
Remains buried in	Germany Can. Mil. Cem.	MR. 708050 sh. Cemetery
	Nieuwe Schoons in front of school nearest town	
	Stapelmoor, R.I. U.I.	
Grav. location	CHX ✓	

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His last unit: Le Régiment de la Chaudière.

He was awarded:

1939-45 Star; France-Germany Star; War Medal 1939-1945 and the Canadian Service clasp. Volunteer Medal with

