



ERNEST AUGUSTE VERMETTE

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Private.

Family affairs.

Ernest Auguste Vermette is born on May 27th 1919 in St. Joachim, Ontario. He was not married and lived with his mother, his father (farmer) died August 28th 1935. He is the son of Quila Vermette and Aelexina Sauve and lived in Elm Street, Tilbury, Ontario. He had 6 sisters and 2 brothers. For more information about them **see remarks.**

He attended Public School in St. Joachim for 6 years which he left 13 years old to go to work. He reached Grade 4. He worked for approximately 8 years as a farmers helper. His hobbies were reading and playing the violin, his favorite sports are unknown.

Military affairs.

He is enlisted on July 24th 1940 in Windsor, Ontario at the Royal Regiment of Canada. His training and education he got subsequently until July 30th 1940 in London, Ontario, until January 12th 1941 in Windsor until July 13th 1941 in Camp Borden, Ontario. Then he left for Halifax, Nova Scotia and on June 26th 1944 to Great Britain via Debert, Nova Scotia. It is unknown where and when his military service took place in the period July 1941 until June 1944. He went to France on July 4th 1944. He died of wounds received in action on February 24th 1945, where is unknown. **See also remarks.**

He is temporarily buried at the Municipal Cemetery in Turnhout, Belgium, 064059, SH 25&35.

August 29th 1945 he is reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 9, row E, grave 3.



Remarks.

- On his tombstone is written: Beloved son of Alexena Sauve and the late Oula Vermette, St. Joachim, Ontario".
- He received the 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & CLASP, Defence Medal , France-Germany Star and the War Medal.
- Total wages in 4 years and 7 months active service are: 619,72 \$ (Canadian), including last pay.
- He had as described 2 brothers and 6 sisters, their names and data:
 - = **Alice Bezaire**, was 8 years older. Lived in Ontario, address unreadable.
 - = **Margareth Beckett**, was 1 year younger. Same address like Alice.
 - = **Florence Renaud**, was 3 years older. Lived in Dearborn, Michigan, 4124 Campbell Avenue.
 - = **Bernadette**, died August 7th 1931 in St. Joachim.
 - = **Marie Lucia**, died April 14th 1916 in St. Joachim.
 - = **Germaine**, died May 25th 1923 in St. Joachim.
 - = **Eugene**, was 3 years older. Lived in St. Joachim.
 - = **Gerald**, died July 19th 1926 in St. Joachim.
- August 28th 1944 he got wounded to his wrist and was healed end September. February 9th 1945 he was severely wounded in action to his abdomen, liver and stomach, of which he died on February 24th 1945. Where he got these wounds is unknown, because he is temporarily buried in Turnhout, Belgium. But that area was in February 1945 already liberated for 4 months, together with the southern part of the Netherlands and Belgium.
One possibility could be that he got wounded in the Ardennes attack, the so called battle of the Bulge, which took place at that time, but this is by no means certain.