



ALEXANDER BONDOLUK

H/65409

Corporal.

Family affairs.

Alexander Bondoluk is born on September 15th 1915 in Rivers, Manitoba.

He was not married. He was the son of Alexander Bondoluk and Mary Zabrosky. After his father death, she remarried with Nicholas Pontiluk. They lived in Winnipeg. Also his stepfather died before he was enlisted in the Canadian Army. Alexander had one older sister Anita, one younger half-sister Leona and one younger half-brother John.

15 years old Alexander left after one year Mechanics High School in Winnipeg to go to work. He reached Grade 9 as maximum. Favorite sports were swimming, volleyball, softball, hockey and skating. His hobby was hunting.

In the years 1931-1941 he had two jobs. In summer as labourer on a farm, including as a driver for tractors and trucks. In winter he was working as a fisherman.

Military affairs.

When he was 25 years old he was enlisted in Winnipeg on June 28th 1941 at the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps(RCASC). His training and education until August 21st 1942 was subsequently in Winnipeg, Valcartier(Quebec) and Debert(Nova Scotia). Then via Halifax, Nova Scotia he went to Great Britain, where he stayed until July 24th 1944 before he went to Western Europe.

November 19th 1944 he died of wounds at a motorbike accident on the road from Udenhout to Oisterwijk.

He is temporarily buried in Helvoirt. Two, probably the same locations are named: Helvoirt Holland 257379 sheet 5 and Cemetary, nr. MR25303840, Sh/17NE, Helvoirt. October 24th 1945 he is reburied on the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 10, row F, grave 2.

Remarks.

- On his tombstone is written: "Sleep dear son. You gave your young life for freedom of world and Ukraina".
- He received the 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & CLASP, Defence Medal, War Medal and France-Germany Star.
- Total earnings in more than 3.5 years active service were 824.06 \$(Canadian), including last-pay.
- Alexander Bondoluk died on November 19th 1944 at approximately 14.15 hours in a one-vehicle motor accident on the road from Udenhout to Oisterwijk, whereby he drove on a telegraph pole. November 23rd 1944 a "Court of Inquiry" investigated this in detail, see the service file from the Ancestry slides 41127_83024005508_0392 nrs. 353 t/m 356.
- Very interesting is the letter in the Ancestry-file from **Willy Oerlemans, Wouwsestraat 6, Bergen op Zoom, Holland**. The letter is dated July 19th 1948. He was a member of the Dutch War Graves Commission. In the letter he said that he will adopt Alexander's grave and will take care for the regular maintenance and flowers. He also asked for more information about the family relations and that he will send photographs of his grave and the war cemetery. An eventual answer has not been found. May be it is possible to do further research in Bergen op Zoom to find out if more information is known.

See pictures.