



JOSEPH CLIFFORD KANE

B/59583

Corporal.

Family affairs.

Joseph Clifford Kane was born in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan on March 15th 1915. He was married to Veronica Maud Donaghy, they had one daughter Sherron Dolores Linnet and lived in Sudbury, Ontario. He was the son of Paul Kane and Katharine Kane-Koyak. His mother died in November 1941 and his father in the summer 1944. He had 2 brothers Mike and Frank and 4 sisters Marie, Grace, Jesse en Emily. In his Soldiers Handbook he wrote that may be he had a third brother, which he did not know.

Alexander left school when he was 19 years old. After 5 years High School (Grade 13) especially mathematics, he was going to work in a nickel mine Froid Miner Sudbury as a manager. His favorite sports were boxing, basketball and rugby, so all of them quite brisk sports.

Military affairs.

When he was 26 years old he was enlisted in Toronto on November 5th 1941 at the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. Before that he already served for 3 years as a sergeant in the Canadian Army from 1935-1938 at the S.S.M. & S.R. His training he got until June 12th 1942 subsequently in Toronto, Newmarket, Camp Borden, Camp Nanaino, Camp Niagara and again Camp Borden, all in Ontario. Then he went to Great-Britain where he stayed until July 3rd 1944 before he was embarked to Western Europe.

October 17th 1944 he was killed in action in the neighbourhood of Woensdrecht, where he was temporarily buried next to a narrow road, 15 SE 614204. On July 3rd 1945 he is reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 9, row C, grave 10.



Remarks.

- On his tombstone is written: "In loving memory, daughter and wife".
- He received the 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & CLASP, Defence Medal, War Medal en France-Germany Star.
- Total earnings in nearly 3 years active service were 688,94 \$(Canadian), including last-pay.
- In the Ancestry-file 4 photos have been found. Very surprisingly there were two color photos (or may be colored in), one of his wife and one of his daughter. **See data.** Up to now it are the only color photos found, of the Canadian soldiers.
- The reason why he signed up in November 1941 for the Canadian Army was a very special one. He would not be remembered as a **"peace time soldier"!!**
- Before his enlistment he was successfully treated in Canada for a kidney disease. It is not clear what this disease was.
- August 24th 1943 he got permission to go to the cinema in the evening in Chichester (South England) . Afterwards he walked back to the camp and passed a lady. He said "good evening" and walked further. After he passed her, he was attacked by her friend, who knocked him down. After an investigation this friend appeared to be G.H. Gibson, B86198 of the R.C.A.S.C. He was found guilty of violence, what the penalty was, is not known. Kane himself woke up in the hospital, where he had to stay for about 3 weeks.