

Boehm, Joseph
Rifleman
L 74439
Regina Rifles Regiment
Royal Canadian Infantry Corps



Joseph Boehm was born 10 June, 1918 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, the son of Joseph and Agatha. His parents had emigrated to Canada from the Russian Kustareva, Kraknorinorca, Post Rovno. Joseph had two brothers and six sisters; the family was Roman Catholic.

Joseph attended the High School in Prince Albert until he was eighteen. After he left school in 1936, he worked as a bottler at the local brewery for four years. At the same time, he was a member of the Non-Permanent Active Militia (NPAM). He played volleyball in his free time and was interested in music and photography.



Brewery Prince Albert.

On 29 January, 1942, Joseph signed up and began his military training in various places including Veron, Brandon and Winnipeg. In his military documents it states that he spoke English and German. He was found to be intelligent and he has the ability to learn.

His training lasted until 23 March, 1943 when he was placed in the Regina Rifle Regiment. The next day, he left for England where he stayed until 16 October, 1944 and finished his training as a rifleman and sniper.

On 17 October 1944, he landed on the European mainland and travelled through France and Belgium to the Netherlands, ready to take part in Operation Veritable which began 8 February, 1945.



9 February, 1945 Joseph Boehm In Zyfflich, Germany. Photo Canadian Archives.

During this attack on the Rhineland, Joseph Boehm was killed on 17 February, between Kleve and Kalkar.

He was first buried in the temporary Forstgarten cemetery between Nutterden and Kleve.

On 21 February, 1946 he was reburied in the Canadian Military Cemetery, Groesbeek Plot **XX. F. 8.**



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From left to right Joseph Boehm, Dave Boehm and others.



Joseph on the right in front.

