

**Cauley, Roger Francis**

**Lieutenant**

**Royal Canadian Engineers**

**6<sup>th</sup> Field Company**



Roger was born on November 7th, 1915 to Thomas Joseph Cauley, a farmer, and his wife Anna in Toledo Ontario. In 1936 he graduated from the University of Ontario with a B.A.(Sc.) and in 1938 received his M.A. in English and History. While completed his M.A. he worked in administration in the Post Office in Ottawa. His hobbies included photography and chemistry and he could speak French and English.

After completing his Masters he worked as a miner in the Buffalo-Ankerite Mine in South Porcupine but within a few months was hired as a mining engineer (surveyor) by the Hollinger Gold Mines in Timmins Ontario. He worked there until January 1942 when he joined the Canadian Army as an Engineer officer.

He completed his basic officer training in April and was transferred to the Engineer training centre in Petawawa Ontario. On June 20th 1942 he married Madeline Eleanor MacNamara of Timmins, Ontario and shortly after was promoted to Lieutenant.

He remained in Canada for the next six months and didn't go overseas until December 29th 1942. On his arrival in England he first went to the CERU and it was there in April of 1943 he learnt of the birth of his son Roger in Kingston Ontario. He remained with the CERU until June when he was transferred to 18 Field Coy R.C.E. He stayed with them until October 22nd 1943 when he transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> Field Company.

He landed on the Normandy beaches on June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944 and served with the 6th in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. On February 8<sup>th</sup> 1945 Operation Veritable began. No. 2 Platoon moved forward to build a 50-ft SS Bailey bridge over a road washout near the village of Zyfflich. It was an overcast day. The infantry had been through earlier and it was thought the area was clear of Germans. A few snipers had remained hidden and been missed.

Lieutenant Roger Cauley and Sapper Arthur Buck were both shot in the back and killed instantly.

They were first buried in Nijmegen Canadian Temporary Burial Ground. Later they were reburied in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in The Netherlands, grave reference **II. D. 10.**

Roger Cauley was a well-liked and respected officer. After the war the Hollinger Gold Mines had promised to hire him back and he was thinking about becoming a math teacher. He never lived to see his son.



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France & Germany Star	
Defence Medal	
War Medal	
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