

Bouchard, Joseph Albert Stanley corporal plot 1 row G grave 10

Stanley was born on October 16, 1915 in Quebec city. He was the first child of Albert and Cécile Bouchard, a roman catholic couple. He had 5 sisters (Simone, Aline, Lilliane, Cécile and Marcelle) and two brothers who had both died at an early age.

After elementary school Stanley was at other schools until he was 17. He was a healthy boy and a good athlete. He was keen on a variety of sports, such as wrestling, icehockey, baseball and speedskating. His hobby was reading, and he had a good memory. He worked as a cook and pastry baker, and, from the summer of 1939, as a cook in the recently opened restaurant of his father, Albert Bouchard. His mother and sisters also worked in this restaurant, at 220 Grande Allée in the city of Quebec.

When Stanley (unmarried) joined the army (on 9 January 1941), he expressed his wish to serve in the airforce. This never came true. On March 13, 1941, he was placed in Mégantic District Depot N.D. 5 with the Voltigeur de Quebec for general tasks. He was a hardworking rational man of above-average intelligence with high cognitive qualities, and emotionally strong. It was reported he was able to carry out more than just routine matters.

When he would leave the army, he could come work in his dad's restaurant again. But Stanley indicated he did not intend to do so. He did help out regularly in the restaurant during leave though, as his father mentioned in a written statement.

On November 10, 1942, he was transferred to Le Régiment de la Chaudière, where he was trained in repairing weapons. When he had completed this training he was transferred to Valcartier. Meanwhile, his father's health had deteriorated so badly that he could no longer do the restaurant work on his own. That's why, on March 4, 1944, his dad sent a written request to the military authorities, (also referring to the fact that he himself was a World War One veteran), asking to dismiss his son from the army so that Stanley could assist him and later take over the restaurant. After a thorough investigation, the military authorities advised his direct supervisor to grant Stanley a six-month leave to help out his father and sisters in the restaurant. There is no proof that Stanley actually took this leave.

He leaves for England on 20 November 1944, where he arrives on November 28. He lands on the mainland of Europe on 12 January, 1945, where they help

liberate the eastern parts of Holland. Stanley is promoted to the rank of corporal on 15 March, 1945.

He is killed on 6 April during the heavy fightings in the Zutphen area. His body is first buried in a temporary grave in Almen, and later transferred to the Holten Canadian cemetery. He was 29 years of age.

Stanley Bouchard was posthumously awarded these medals: the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal and the CVS Medal and Clasp.