

VETERAN OF THE WEEK 23

(26 September- 2nd October, 2022)

L102437 Private Marcel Joseph Ferdinand Dunand

Royal Regiment of Canada

Royal Canadian Infantry Corps

Second World War



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L102437 Private Marcel Joseph Ferdinand Dunand of Val-Marie, Saskatchewan was born on the 15th of December 1923 in Ponteix, Saskatchewan to Antoine Marie Dunand and Marie Louise Lebel, two French immigrants who were the general merchants in Val-Marie. Before enlisting in the Canadian Army Pte. Dunand worked as a labourer for the PFRA. Pte. Dunand enlisted in the army on the 21st of September 1942 in Regina. He served with the Royal Regiment of Canada. He was one of four brothers who served during the war. His brothers were: Emile who served in the RCAF, Rodger who served in the army, and Guy served with the U.S. Army for two years. His elder brother Emile was Killed in Action in 1943 when his Lancaster was shot down over the Netherlands (last weeks veteran of the week).

L102437 Private Marcel Dunand was Killed in Action on the 24th of September 1944 during the liberation of the Netherlands and was originally buried in a field 250 yards north of a road located in Lochtenberg, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. He was reburied in Plot 8, Row C, Grave 6 at Bergen-OP-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery located 39 kilometers from Antwerp in Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. The inscription on his military marker reads: “*Dearest son, you gave your life for us all, beloved enjoy heaven with god.*” In addition to his military marker, Pte. Marcel Dunand is commemorated on page 296 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance, an honour roll located in Val-Marie alongside his brother Emile, and he has a geo-memorial, Dunand Island located in Zangeza Bay on Reindeer Lake, Saskatchewan. This week we honour the service and sacrifice of L102437 Private Marcel Joseph Ferdinand Dunand of Val-Marie, Saskatchewan, who gave his life for King and Country during the Second World War. Thank you for your service, Pte. Dunand.

Lest We Forget



**MARCEL JOSEPH
FERDINAND DUNAND**

- L102437 Private (Royal Regiment of Canada) Marcel Joseph Ferdinand Dunand (b.1923) of Val Marie was KIA 19440924 and is buried at Bergen op Zoom Canadian war cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Interestingly, Dunand's name appears on the honour roll of the South Saskatchewan Regiment but official records place him with the Royal Regiment. Marcel was born at Ponteix and was a labourer with PFRA when he enlisted at Regina in 1942. Brother of E.J.F. Dunand. They were the sons of Antoine Marie and Marie Louise (Lebel) Dunand. Antoine came from France, Marie from Cantal, and they were general merchants at Val Marie. Emile and Marcel's brother Roger served in the Army, while another brother Guy was with the United States Army for two years.